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## Annual delayed

The 1977-78 MONTALAS arrived last week; but due to a mistake in printing the cover, the books had to be returned to the printer.

According to sponsor Frances Anthony the annuals should be ready for distribution around the middle of September.



### ANYTHING FOR THE CAUSE

Principal W.C. Corbett climbs aboard the motor grader as City Manager Don Hughes looks on during construction of school's parking lot.

Enrollment like that of 1977-78--

## Personnel remains intact

ALL OF LAST YEAR'S FACULTY, lunchroom workers, bus drivers, and maids have returned for the 1978-79 year at MHS. According to Principal W. C. Corbett this is the first time in the school's history that this has ever occurred.

"This makes me feel that everybody is happy with the MHS student body, facilities, and administration," observes Mr. Corbett. The principal also noted that since enrollment is basically the same as last year, no new teacher units had to be added or any taken away from the school's staff.

Guidance counselor Frances Anthony adds that this should be to the school's advantage since all the staff members will be familiar with its system.

## Renovation, construction mark new school year

TWO CHANGES—a remodeled auditorium and a parking lot under construction—greeted approximately 450 MHSers as they gathered for the opening of school Wednesday morning.

The auditorium, damaged by fire last December, has new recessed lights, flooring, walls, and heating units. The facility is nearing completion and should be available for use through the school year according to Principal W.C. Corbett.

### 40-car parking area

The parking lot, located near the band room, will be financed by the City of Montevallo and will accommodate 40 cars Mr. Corbett says.

City manager Don Hughes who suggested the lot is in charge of the construction work.

### Gravel surface

No definite plans have been made to asphalt the area which will have a graveled surface according to machine operator Don Whitten.

"Don Hughes and city officials are to be highly commended for their efforts in building this desperately needed parking lot," Mr. Corbett says.



## Boys Staters meet Wallace

Visiting with Governor George C. Wallace at the State Capitol in Montgomery and forming their own state government highlighted activities of 1978 Boys State.

Montevallo High School's representatives to this event held at Jacksonville State University from May 28-June 1 were named by the faculty at Awards Day, May 12.

Seniors Glenn Anthony, Mark Baker, Lee Clayton, David Lash, and Curtis Peoples were selected for the honor. Only two of these young men, Lash and Peoples participated in the program.

Local organizations and businessmen finance MHS's representatives.

## 2 'weather' days added

SEVERAL CHANGES have been made to the 1978-79 school calendar by the Shelby County Board of Education according to Principal W. C. Corbett. Among them is the discontinuation of the six Thursday teachers meetings. This means that there will be no half-days during the next academic year in the county schools.

In addition, an April holiday and an extra day are fitted into the schedule in case schools need to be closed due to bad weather.

April 27 will be a holiday if it is not needed as a make-up day, and there is one extra day above the state required minimum to be used if necessary.

Between opening date, Aug. 23, and closing date, May 25, there will be a total of 177 student days and 180 faculty work days.

The first holiday of the year will be Sept. 4, Labor Day. Christmas holidays are scheduled to include New Year's Day this year, Dec. 20-Jan. 3.

### At workshop--

## 'Montala' staffers study yearbook

Five members of MHS's National Honor Society attended a yearbook seminar at the University of Montevallo, sponsored by the Taylor Publishing Co. in Hoover, July 24-27.

The purpose of the workshop was to show students the importance of a good yearbook and to give them an opportunity to plan their own school's book.

### Finances studied

Means of financing the annual were discussed and a number of slides of model yearbooks was shown by seminar director Vann Parker from the Taylor Publishing Co. in Dallas.

### Housed by UM

During the seminar 150 students from throughout the state were housed in campus dormitories, while many commuted to the workshop daily.

Yearbook editor Rene Davis, along with staffers Teresa Alexander, Janet Hicks, Karen Morris, Lynn Sawyer, and Emily Steele, took part in the event.

MONTALA sponsor Frances Anthony attended some of the sessions.

### It's News Downtown--

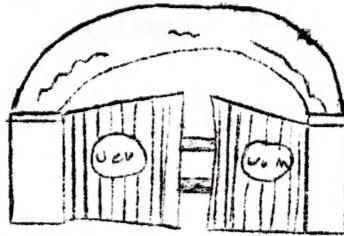
## UM students report Aug. 28

Registration for the University of Montevallo's fall term is scheduled for Aug. 28-29. Estimated enrollment at the school is between 3500-4000.

Several Montevallo merchants "re-located" during the summer.

The Valley Fabric Shop, owned by Mrs. Louise Smith, previously on Middle Street, is now on Main Street next to Monk's Variety.

The Little House of Ceramics then moved across Middle Street into Valley



Fabric's old location.

Mrs. Dorothy Smith is owner of the ceramics shop.

During the summer "Open House" was held at Alabama Power's Solar Energy Building. Tours were given to show the building's many facilities.

Dr. Russell G. Warren became the first Vice President for Academic Affairs at the University of Montevallo July 15. He formerly held this same position at the University of Richmond in Virginia.



Principal expresses optimism--

# Plus signs mark record as school starts

EVERYTHING POINTS TO ANOTHER BANNER YEAR for Montevallo High School. We have our same faculty and staff back from last year, and our student body will be approximately the same size. From all reports, the number of fine students coming to us from the middle school will add much talent and ability to our school.



## Program needs interest

Each year junior boys are chosen by MHS faculty to attend Boys State. The program has been generally successful, but this year only two of the five selected attended the camp.

It is too bad that those named for such an honor did not participate.

Perhaps this is a chance to initiate a program for sending females to Girls State since several girls in past years have expressed interest in the event.

Several groups, already award winners, spent many hours during the summer working to become even better. The auditorium will be completed soon and in keeping with the remainder of our renovated building which, after three years, still gets compliments as a "new building" because of the fine way it has been kept.

The State Legislature has allocated \$125,000 to MHS for improvements needed due to the auditorium fire. (Senator Lister Hill Proctor, Representative Curtis Smith, and Sonny Moore worked very hard to get this special appropriation.)

Classes are off to a smooth start, SPOTLIGHT is on the job, the volleyball team is "ready," and the band, cheerleaders, and football team are well prepared for early performances tonight.

All this gives me a feeling of pride for both students and faculty as everybody works toward upholding our fine traditions at Montevallo High School and creating a positive attitude toward our work and associations here.

Welcome to 1978-79 at Montevallo High School.

...Principal W. C. Corbett

## Staff likes job-- working at MHS

It's only natural for a school to have some teachers resign or retire each year. However, at MHS all staff members have returned for 1978-79.

This should speak well for the student body as well as for the leadership of Principal W. C. Corbett and make for an even more successful year than those of the past.

## Newspaper tells complete story

SPOTLIGHT readers know what's going to happen at MHS and get all details of past events.

To make sure they are "up to date" MHSers should subscribe to SPOTLIGHT in their homerooms-- \$3.00 for the school year.

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After summer rehearsals--

## 92 Troubadours take the field

MONTEVALLO'S MARCHING TROUBADOURS will be stepping to the beat of Alabama Fanfare when they make their first field entrance of the season tonight at the MHS-Shelby County football game. Halftime performance includes That's Entertainment, Ma Cherie Amour, Love Boat, and an Elvis Presley Medley.

In preparation for tonight's performance, the band, consisting of 92 members, has been holding three-hour rehearsals each weekday since July.

### More music

Director Jim Weese says that the style of this year's band will be much the same as last year's with the addition of "more music in the stands during the game." Musical material has already been selected for this purpose.

Senior Shawn Spicer will be taking the field as drum major for his second season this year.

### Works at camp

In preparation for the new season, Shawn attended camp at Jacksonville University which was conducted by the National Drum Majors Association.

"I think the band has the potential this year to be the best band we've ever had," Shawn says.

### Private clinics

Majorettes Leslee Bel-luchie (head), Kathy Kirkland, Karen Morris, and Cindy Nash will twirl to the Troubadours' sounds tonight after three months of practice and two private clinics.

Along with their own work the group has held clinics for younger girls, sold doughnuts, and held a garage sale.

The twirlers were taught by Tammie McNeil and Tammy Festavan in workshops at Montevallo High School.

## Mrs. Weese aids young flag corps

Mrs. Jim Weese will sponsor the flag corps unit at MHS this year.

Carrying the blue and orange for the Troubadours are flag corps members Tammy Mims, Michelle Readell, Gretchen Riesener (co-head), Tonya Staffney, Debbie Sutton, Debra Tyus, Cathy Winslett, Claudia Sailes(head).

"The group is one of the youngest and most inexperienced squads we've ever had," says band director James Weese. "But they are also one of the hardest working groups in the band--sometimes putting in five or six hours a day."

"They've learned a lot fast," he adds.

## Handbook describes band behavior

Each Troubadour now has his own band manual. The new booklets outline rules of conduct for band members and include guides for appearance and behavior.

According to band director Jim Weese, designer of the manual, many of the ideas came from Troy State's band manual. Times Printing Company printed the booklets which feature a picture of the Troubadours on the orange front cover.

## Principal suffers auto accident

Principal W. C. Corbett missed the first day of school Wednesday due to an automobile accident Sunday night near Fayette. It was the first time in 24 years that he has been absent for registration.

Mr. Corbett is presently in Brookwood Hospital in Homewood for observation and tests after being moved Monday from a hospital in Fayette.

Guidance Counselor Frances Anthony is in charge at MHS during Mr. Corbett's absence.

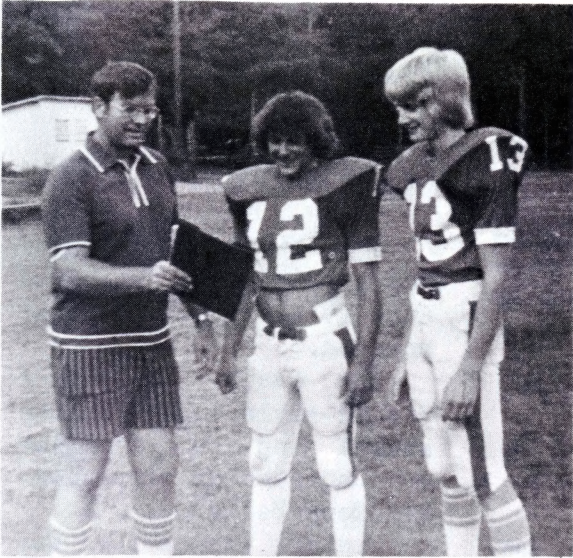
## Boosters will sell refreshments tonight

MHS's Band Boosters and Athletic Boosters will man concession stands at Fisher Stadium for tonight's game.

According to Mrs. Hilda Van Landingham, who is in charge of organizing the band's booth, snow cones, potato chips, drinks, hot dogs, candy, and pickles will be sold.

"The Athletic Boosters will offer hamburgers, hot dogs, candy, pop corn, and cokes," says booster Clifford Lawley.





GOTCHA, COACH!

Quarterbacks Kevin Hughes (center) and David Melsoni study game plans with Coach Richard Gilliam.

#### On MHS slate--

## 4 opponents are 3A teams

MHS's Bulldogs will face ten foes during the 1978 football season. Four of the teams, Childersburg, Jemison, Shelby County, and Thompson are marked as 3A competition, while all the others are 2A except 1A Calera.

Here is the schedule:

Aug. 25	Shelby County	H
Sept. 1	Open	
8	Childersburg	H
15	Thompson	H
22	Chelsea	T
29	Jemison	T
Oct. 6	Vincent	H
13	Winterboro	H
20	Calera	T
27	West Blocton	H
	(Homecoming)	
Nov. 3	Talladega Co.	
	Trng. School	T

All games begin at 7:30. Admission at the gate is \$1.50 for students; \$2.50 for adults.

# Cats seek revenge

by Kevin Hughes

MHS kicks off the 1978 football season at Fisher Stadium tonight in a grudge match with Shelby County High School. Game time is 7:30.

As in years past the Wildcats appear "big and strong" with a little more quickness than in the past two seasons" according to local reporters.

#### Shelby has new coach

Under their new head coach Mark Bradley the Wildcats should produce some surprises in tonight's opener.

MHS is "ready" according to Coach Richard Gilliam, indicating that the Bulldogs may have a few surprises of their own. Montevallo has won the match for the past two years.

#### Jones is out

The Bulldogs were hit hard last week when starter Kenneth Jones fractured his right arm. Doctor's orders have Kenneth out approximately five to seven weeks.

After the injury several Bulldogs had to make position changes, but MHS coaches report that everyone has responded well and the team is set for the countdown tonight.

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#### Bulldog Growls

## Fans' support gives 'drive'

by Kevin Hughes

With a county rival with such tremendous power as Shelby County coming to town tonight, the Bulldogs will need (more than ever) complete support from the school and its fans.

Continual backing from fans is noticed by other spectators, visiting team fans, players, and their coaches. Sometimes this support can mean the difference between winning and losing.

When school and community enthusiasm is of the caliber that has been evidenced at Montevallo in past years, it's hard for a team to give less than its best toward recording a winning season.



## Volleyball squad looks toward '78

MHS's girls' volleyball team, consisting of 14 players, has been "limbering up and working out in the gym" getting ready for their 1978 season.

According to Coach Dot Bishop the team "is in real good shape."

"This year's squad is younger but taller than last year's group," Coach adds. The girls were the state 2A runner-up last season and took county and area titles two years in a row.

The first match this year is set for Sept. 7.



At National clinic--

## Cheerleaders rate 'superior'

MHS cheerleaders are "Superstars." They earned the title at a five-day clinic at Auburn University conducted by the National Cheerleaders Association. They were also rated one of the top four squads in competition at the workshop, Aug. 7-11.

The group also received three superior ratings, one excellent mark, and "brought home the spirit stick."

Cheerleaders are Lisa Edwards, Ann Frye, Jan Gauntt (head), Beverly Harris, Debbie Kunkel, Beverly Lilly, and Belinda Morris.

Phys ed teacher Dot Bishop accompanied the group to the clinic.

Head cheerer Gauntt says, "Our squad was the smallest (in number) to make the top four. I couldn't believe it when they called us out. I felt like I was in heaven. It was just great."

## Football team gets together

Coach Richard Gilliam and his wife entertained the football team, managers, and coaches at a buffet supper last Friday night at their home.

The menu featured sandwiches, fried chicken, baked beans, potato chips, cookies, and lemonade.

After the meal, Coach Gilliam led a devotional and prayer during which the season was dedicated to Jesus Christ.

The team watched the film of last year's MHS-Shelby game when the Bulldogs upset the Wildcats 14-6.

## Summer workers prepare school

Eleven MHSers and two MHS graduates served as CETA workers during the summer.

The group readied the buildings, grounds, and football stadium for the opening of school under the direction of Principal W.C. Corbett and Maid Lula Bell Moore.

The Comprehensive Educational Training Act (CETA) is a national operation and is a function of the school to provide work for students whose families' incomes meet the requirements stated by the government.

The program is funded by the Federal government.

## Class of '63 holds reunion

Over twenty members of MHS's 1963 class gathered Aug. 19 for their 15-year reunion.

The event included a picnic-style lunch for the alumni and their families at the home of class member Doug Ballard.

Later the party was taken on a tour through the high school by Guidance Counselor Frances Anthony to view the changes made in the 1976 renovation.

For many this trip was the first since graduation.

According to member Delilah Robinson (MHS English teacher), many expressed surprise and pleasure at the differences noted in the school.

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## Squad plans rally

The cheerleaders will conduct a pep rally at 2:15 today in the gym according to sponsor Delilah Robinson.

## Coach Gilliam gets new truck

At the closing of school last year, Coach Richard Gilliam received an orange and white 1974 Ford Explorer. The truck was a gift from the Athletic Boosters.

In a ceremony in front of Montevallo High School on May 24, Principal W. C. Corbett recognized Coach as a "dedicated Christian and a proven winner both on and off the field."

Stating that Coach Gilliam felt that giving was more rewarding than receiving, Mr. Corbett said, "The Athletic Boosters and supporters are making it possible for you (Coach Gilliam) to receive something."

"It runs like a dream and answers a dream," comments Coach Gilliam describing his truck.





ONE LAST FAVOR

"I'll clip this hedge for you before I go," says ag teacher Mike Howard as he turns his station over to Mr. Terry Foshee.

## 60 bid for SC positions

Sixty MHSers are now Student Council representatives. They were selected by the SC Executive Council and Principal W.C. Corbett last week.

The group "applied" for the job and met qualifications (including grade averages) specified by the Council's constitution according to sponsor Don Benton.

"We decided this method would get people who were truly interested in the Council," president Gay Perkins explains.

The SC's first sock hop is scheduled for tonight in the auditorium. Anyone wearing a T-shirt sold by the Council will be admitted for half price," Gay says. The shirts may be purchased in the supply store for \$4.50 each.

Admission to the dance is \$1.50 per person.

As MHS ag teacher--

## Recent grad signs in

Mr. Terry David Foshee of Douglas, Ala., replaced Mr. Mike Howard as MHS's agribusiness teacher last Friday.

An alumnus of Douglas High School, Mr. Foshee graduated from Auburn University with a BS Degree in agribusiness Aug. 24.

After orienting the newcomer with classroom procedures and shop practices, Mr. Howard, who replaced Mr. Tim Wiggins Mar. 21, left MHS to teach at Etowah High School in Atalla.

"I plan to continue the work that Mr. Howard has begun," explains Mr. Foshee.

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## Juniors will sponsor mag sale

JUNIORS WILL BEGIN the traditional task of selling magazines next Wednesday at an 8:10 a.m. class assembly in the auditorium.

At the meeting Cadence Publishing representative Martin Mills will discuss sale plans with junior students and their sponsors Cathy Bearden, Barbara Belisle, and Danny Goggins.

All profits from the sales will go toward financing the junior-senior prom in the spring.

Last year's juniors had a total of \$1828.12 sales, with top salesman Mark Baker contributing \$202.70.

Magazines were then supplied by the Murphy Company which featured the Sunland School Plan.

Cadence uses the Perfect School Plan for promoting the periodicals.

## Dates to mark

Sept. 13 Jr. Mag sale

15 Thompson game

19 Scouting night

22 First ACT registration ends

27 Senior portraits

29 End of 1st six weeks

Oct. 6 Vincent game



## Chorus added

Mrs. Glinda Godwin, voice instructor at UM, will begin a girls' chorus at MHS today at 2:50.

The activity is open to all girls. A fee of \$5 for music is required.

Guidance counselor Frances Anthony says, "Glinda wants to work with girls who are interested in learning music and not just in singing."

Mrs. Anthony sponsored a similar group last year as a school activity.

## Drivers go left as schoolday ends

Due to the loading of buses, drivers who park in MHS's new parking lot must turn left on Valley Street when leaving school.

According to guidance counselor Frances Anthony this regulation was necessary to prevent congestion in the bus area.

The 40-car lot which was financed by the City of Montevallo before school began was needed for students and faculty parking after several parking spaces on Oak Street were reserved for college parking.

## Seniors to pose

Seniors have selected Sept. 27 for portrait day according to MONTALA sponsor Frances Anthony.

The day-long picture session will involve approximately 85 seniors under the direction of Harry Hill, Waldrup Studio's photographer.

## MHS votes Brewer, Beasley

MHSers who "went to the polls" in their history classes Tuesday disagreed with voters statewide.

Freshmen in Mr. Johnny McClain's Alabama History courses and seniors enrolled in Mr. Budd Lilly's democracy classes named former governor Albert Brewer as their first choice for governor. Mr. Danny Goggins' US History students picked Jere Beasley.

## Exam dates set

ACT (American College Testing Program) exams will be available five times during the year for juniors and seniors.

Test days will be Oct. 21, Dec. 9, Feb. 10, Apr. 7, and June 23.

Registration packets and other information may be obtained in the counselor's office. Deadline for registering for the first exam is Sept. 22.

Neither of these candidates made the actual runoff. State Senator Fob James and Attorney General Bill Baxley will be on the Sept. 26 ballot.

In the local sheriff's race no one had a majority but Mr. Buddy Glasgow won without a runoff over incumbent C.P. Walker.

Although students heavily favored Mr. Charles Knowles for Superintendent of Education, County voters put him in a runoff with Dr. Norma Rogers.

### It's News Downtown--

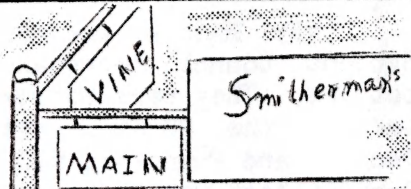
## UM's Dr. Vickrey receives honor

Dr. James Vickrey, UM president was recently named one of America's top 100 young education leaders in a poll taken by "Chance Magazine."

Dr. Vickrey came to Montevallo a year ago from the State University System of Florida.

The Shelby County Historical Society has an office at UM. Local residents may obtain books, pamphlets, documents, and other materials on historical information of the area there.

Former MHSer Janice Seaman also uses the office



as headquarters for the Alabama Historical Commission's Oral History project which she heads.

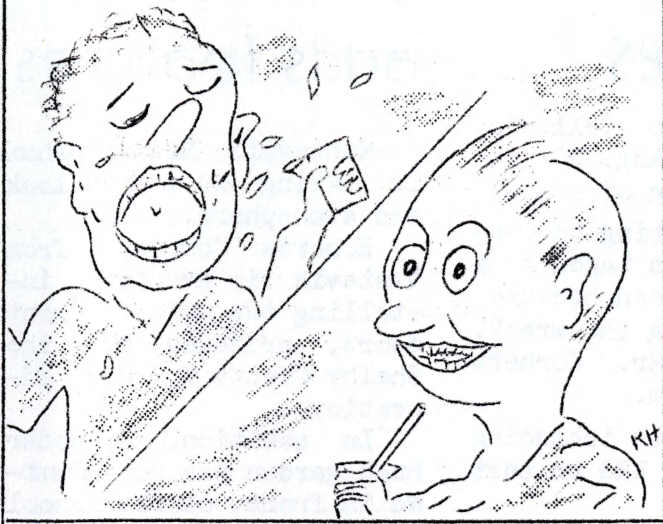
Former MHS teacher David Nichols was recently promoted to chief of the University of Montevallo Police Department.

Chief Nichols (MHS '67) has worked on the UM force for a year.

During the summer, Smitherman's Pharmacy relocated. It is next to The Elizabeth Shoppe on the corner of Main and Vine Streets.



*Little things mean a lot!*



## Straws get 'Welcome'

Thank goodness, straws have come to MHS's lunchroom. Say goodbye to dirty milk cartons and farewell to poor etiquette. It is a welcome parting.

Though it seems childish to have to be given straws, the reason behind it isn't. Students of the past have made a "mess" at the lunchroom with them, which ended in their elimination from the cafeteria for several years.

Only children would misuse straws; so if MHSers are adults, straws should become a part of the daily lunchroom scene.

...Karen Morris

Lack of interest noted--

## Break depends on conduct

Ten minutes of "free" time was provided for MHSers in the daily schedule this year.

Last year's classes earned the break after proving their conduct was acceptable during a trial period.

Almost all students appreciate having time to go to their lockers or the restroom, buy a soft drink or just talk with a friend. To lose this short "rest" time would make the afternoon classes quite long--an hour and five minutes per class to be exact.

If everyone can maintain the behavior shown acceptable last spring both in the building and on the grounds, the ten minutes between the fourth and fifth periods should continue to be an enjoyable time. It's simply a matter of good conduct.

## SC calls for volunteers

Congratulations go to those who care enough to take part in this year's Student Council. However, it seems that the majority of the student body is not willing to become actively involved in the work.

This year's officers were not elected by a popular vote. They had to be appointed by the Council advisor because only two students chose to run for a position. Since the new representatives were also appointed, students are now choosing neither officers nor representatives.

It is sad that because of lack of interest there is not a true democracy at MHS. However, over 60 students indicated they would like to be appointed as representatives. Maybe these students can generate enough interest in the Council for MHSers to once again become vocal in elections.

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After hospitalization--

## Principal resumes duties

Principal W.C. Corbett is "back on the job" following a recent week-long hospital stay after an Aug. 20 car accident which caused him to miss the opening of school.

After swerving off the road to avoid hitting an oncoming vehicle in Fayette, Mr. Corbett was taken to a hospital there. Doctors performed a brain scan because of a slight concussion he received during the wreck. Results were normal, but for safety's sake, Mr. Corbett was taken to Brookwood Hospital in Birmingham.

At Brookwood, he underwent extensive tests including an EEG, which measures brain waves, and an EKG to test stress on the heart.

Results of these and other tests showed no problems, and Mr. Corbett was released Aug. 28.

"I appreciate the co-operation between faculty and students during my absence. Things ran smoothly because of that cooperation," the administrator remarks.

## Coaches, workers finish paint job

MHS's Susie DeMent Gymnasium has taken on a new look for 1978-79.

Over the summer Coaches Kurt Pnazek and Bud Lilly and CETA workers Monty Fondren and Earnest Glover gave the second floor walls a new coat of paint.

Instead of the original green, the walls are now orange and white to match the interior of the gym painted last year by members of the senior class.

The plaque naming the building for MHS business teacher Susie DeMent which was unveiled at Awards Day in May will be hung in the foyer according to Coach Pnazek.

## Appliance ends scraping chores

MHSers no longer have to scrape leftovers from their lunch trays. A food disposal unit, installed in the school's lunchroom during the summer, takes care of this chore.

According to lunchroom manager Gwen Mitchell an additional dishwasher and a walk-in cooler were also ready for use when her staff prepared the first lunch Aug. 26.

The new appliances were purchased by a "joint expenditure of the Board of Education, MHS and federal funds" according to school secretary Opal Long.

## MHS is granted \$125,000

A large sum of money was recently awarded to MHS by the State Legislature.

According to Principal W. C. Corbett the special appropriation of \$125,000 was a direct result of the work of Representatives Sonny Moore, Lister Hill, Procter and Curtis Smith. "They fought much opposition in gaining the allocation for MHS," says Mr. Corbett.

Recently the school's Board of Trustees met to begin studying legal aspects of expenditure of the money.

## Local school adds features

Montevallo Middle School is taking on a new look and atmosphere.

Roberts Company from Vestavia is presently installing two sets of front doors, provided by the Shelby County Board of Education.

In addition, a cedar bush garden has been planted in front of the school by the Montevallo Garden Club. The organization and MMS shared the cost.

MMS Principal Jimmy Jones reports that the school has also added seven new air conditioners. The units which cost \$371 each were paid for by local funds.

Only eight more units are needed to have the entire school air conditioned according to Mr. Jones.

## Cheerers instruct

Cheerleaders held an assembly Wednesday. "The purpose of getting everyone together was to teach our new cheers," explains cheerer Beverly Lilly.

"Wind It up," "Hey You" and "Gusto" were among the cheers presented.



# Susan's cow is real winner

Sophomore Susan Shinnick and her three dairy cows repeatedly came out on top in the county cattle competition last month at the State Fair Grounds. Her winnings include three blue ribbons, Junior Championship and the special title of Grand Champion, which was earned by her Gernsey cow "Eldorado."

The animals will again be judged at district and state levels.

Having shown cows for several years, Susan describes the experience as "a lot of work, but fun."

## School answers 2 fire drills

The first bell of the 1978-79 school year was not to gather the students into the building but to signal them out as MHS had its first fire drill of the year on opening day, Aug. 23.

Apparently the alarm was pulled by a prankster as students waited for the opening assembly.

A second unplanned fire drill occurred last Friday before homeroom. According to Principal W. C. Corbett tree limbs were causing a power line on Oak Street to "arc" and throw sparks.

## Scout Night set

The Birmingham Area Council of Boy Scouts will a "School Night for Scouting," Sept. 19.



Elementary schools in the area will provide classrooms for local troops according to Scoutmaster Danny Goggins, MHS history teacher.

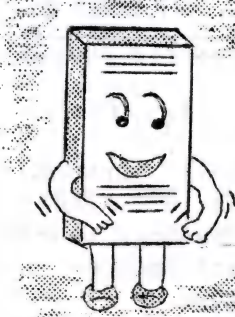
## Teacher ties knot

Chemistry teacher Jim Hermecz is no longer a bachelor. He married Miss Donna Howard Aug. 5 at the United Methodist Church in Pleasant Grove.

The newlyweds are living at Falcon Manor Apartments in Montevallo.

## Locker Laughs

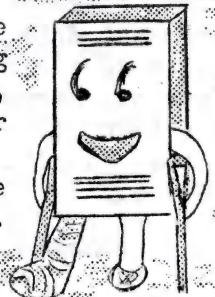
### Lee Clayton waits for chuckle



School activities are in full gear, bringing with them books, study, teachers and the lighter side of classroom life.

Come along with me as I show the funmaking.

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As seniors Lee Clayton, Janet Hicks, and Emily Steele were eating lunch, Janet said, "I heard a locker laugh the other day but I can't remember what it was."

Lee spoke up, "The next time you hear one, take down its number. I wanta' hear it laugh."

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Junior Michelle Reed had stopped typing as teacher Susie DeMent stood nearby. "What's the matter, Michelle?" Miss DeMent asked.

"My hands get nervous with you standing by me," Michelle answered.

## Summer school attracts area

Several schools from surrounding areas were represented in MHS's summer session June 5-July 14.

Students came from Bibb County, Calera, Chelsea, Jemison, Shelby Academy, Shelby County and Thompson High Schools.

Total enrollment was 150 according to guidance counselor Frances Anthony.

The University of Montevallo sponsors the summer school at MHS.

On his first day at school after his hospital stay, Coach Richard Gilliam was limping down the hall--leg in cast.

"I was going to ask if you'd like to play a game of kick ball," Stark Harbour playfully remarked.

"Sure," grinned Coach, if everyone's on crutches."

And reporting on WBYE's Football Roundup about the upcoming Childersburg game, Coach told of injuries to three of his backs.

"Looks like we'll start the week on the wrong foot and as for me, I only have the one foot," Coach said, referring to his leg.



Hughes passes to win---

# Bulldogs KO Wildcats 12-0

MHS, in command all the way, punched in two second quarter touchdowns to zap Shelby County High School 12-0 Aug. 25 as the Bulldogs opened their '78 football season at Fisher Stadium.

Wildcat head coach Mark Bradley got a first taste of county football as he made his debut for SCHS.

## Dogs score twice

After sloppy first quarter action for both sides, the Bulldogs put 12 points on the board before halftime.

Safety Kevin Hughes recovered a fumble on the Wildcat 30-yd. line to set up the 'Dogs' first score. Seven plays later, Hughes hit fullback Kelvin Lilly with a 15-yd. pass for the six points.

## Defense holds

"Defense" was the call again as the 'Dogs forced the 'Cats to punt and took over on their own 33.

From there MHS mounted its longest drive, going 67 yards in 12 plays. Hughes hit wideout Marty Eddleman with a 5-yd TD pass that put the final touches on the drive.

## Statistics

MHS		SCHS
13	1st downs	7
41	Rushes	37
209	Yds. rushing	148
5-13	Passes	1-7
69	Yds. passing	19

## Eddleman boots it!

Kicking played an important part in the contest with both punters averaging over 40 yards.

MHS's Eddleman booted three times for a 50-yd. average, and Wildcat specialist David Head kicked five times to average 43.

SCHS's Charles Kidd led all rushers with 112 yards; Edd Green had 89 for MHS. Bulldog Sam Purnell led defensively with 13 tackles.

## Principal gets ball

Since Principal W. C. Corbett had to miss the opening game due to an accident, the Bulldogs presented him the game ball for his support of the athletic program.

The ball was inscribed: To: Mr. Corbett, From The Bulldogs, MHS 12; SCHS 0.

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## Purnell cited

Sam Purnell captured SHELBY COUNTY REPORTER's Lineman-of-the-Week Award for his performance in the Shelby game.

Sam's stats in that game showed 10 individual tackles and two quarterback sacks.

## Volleyball team starts action

Female sports for 1978 officially got underway yesterday when the volleyball squad played Shelby County High School.

The September schedule includes five more games and a tournament at UM on Sept. 23.

## September slate

Sept. 12	Calera	T
14	Thompson	H
19	Bibb Co.	T
21	Vincent	H
28	Chelsea	H

## Cheerers, team offer students ribbons, candy

Two groups, the volleyball team and cheerleaders, have turned salesmen for various causes.

The volleyball team is selling Time Out candy bars. Coach Dot Bishop says that she is hoping the group will make \$400 from the project for the purchase of equipment and "to pay other expenses."

The candy bars, made by Surrey Candy Kitchens of New York, may be bought during the break from any member of the team.

Varsity cheerleaders will sell orange and blue spirit ribbons and "sticky toppers" each Friday during homeroom period.

Jan Gauntt, head cheerleader, says the main purpose for selling these items at 25¢ each is to boost school spirit.

The cheerleaders are also selling cokes on the front campus during the afternoon break.

Coach Dot Bishop says the players are in "good shape after several weeks of conditioning."

"All the players seem to have a lot of enthusiasm for the sport and this should make them an even better team," Miss Bishop adds.



With Childersburg tonight--

# 'Dogs renew rivalry



A FOE FROM THE PAST and an arch rival are Bulldog challengers this week and next.



Tonight Childersburg Tigers come prowling at Fisher Stadium.

This will be the first meeting for MHS and the Tigers since Nov. 11, 1955, when the Tigers slammed the 'Dogs 33-0.

On opening night this season Childersburg dropped a 23-14 decision to B. B. Comer.

Next week is the big one in the county. Capacity crowds are expected at Fisher Stadium for the Thompson-Montevallo clash. Fans will remember last year's 7-7 deadlock on the Warriors' home turf.

"This year's Thompson team looks even more impressive than the team that beat MHS 40-0 two years ago," Coach Richard Gilliam observes. The Warriors defeated Jemison 32-6 in their opening game this season.

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## Bulldog Growls

## Winners are everywhere

by Kevin Hughes

WINNING IS ALWAYS FUN--especially when one's team "knocks off" an old county rival. But all winners aren't on the field.



The Bulldog-Wildcat contest itself exemplified the attitude of striving for the best that is evident at MHS. The football team played hard and won; the band was excellent.

But there are many others who contribute much to the success of programs at Montevallo High.

MHS's Boosters clubs, city workers who helped prepare the field, and faculty members and local citizens who help at the games are all to be congratulated. They are the winners who make MHS go!

## Leg is broken--

## Coach injured in opener

HEAD COACH RICHARD GILLIAM got into the action in MHS's opening game when he was "tackled" early in the first period. The encounter with the players left him with a hip cast to support a broken left leg and torn ligaments. The accident occurred when Bulldog Sam Purnell pursued Shelby's James Kidd into the sideline crowds.

## PE classes add 3 sports

Bowling, golf, and tennis will be added to this year's athletic program. Each sport will involve three weeks of basic skills and participation according to Coach Dot Bishop.

Miss Bishop adds that some classes will go to the University of Montevallo during the day to use its facilities. Others will work on skills in the gym with some groups meeting after school.



DON'T "PLAY IT AGAIN, SAM" "I didn't know you were so powerful," says Coach Richard Gilliam to Bulldog Sam Purnell as the two joke about an "unfunny" incident.

After four days in Shelby Memorial Hospital, Coach Gilliam returned to classroom work.

Former middle school PE teacher Ott Knight is assisting with teaching.

"Coach's injury will make the team work even harder for a winning season," observes assistant coach Kurt Pnazeck.

Mr. Gilliam adds, "The injury will help the team come closer together and leaders to step out."

During the six weeks he will be in a cast, Coach will use a golf cart and crutches for transportation.



At outdoor theatre in summer--

## 5 study driving

Five MHS students are completing a bus driving clinic today. They have been attending the classes since Tuesday at the Area Vocational Center in Columbiana.

These students are Otto Fields, Dennis Reed, Willie Rutledge, Mark Singh and Robert Thompson.

The driving training is required of all prospective bus drivers. Student drivers must be okayed by their schools before they are permitted to attend the clinic.

## Suits go coed

Males and females sport identical gym suits in PE.

The two-piece uniform features royal blue racing shorts trimmed in white with a bulldog emblem on the left leg. A white shirt with orange accents on sleeves and an orange bulldog in the upper left corner completes the suit.

These uniforms can be purchased from Coach Dot Bishop for \$5 each.

## 'Tiniest' class studies higher math

Seniors Glenn Anthony, David Lash, Lynn Sawyer and Emily Steele and junior Amos Nicks, make up MHS's smallest class. These five students are this year's trigonometry class.

Principal W. C. Corbett explained that the educational code for the State of Alabama says that a class with less than eight members does not have to be offered. However, in an attempt to be fair to the teacher and the students interested in the course, he decided that trigonometry should be on the schedule this year.

Both the students and teacher seem happy with the situation. "Such a small class gives us additional opportunities to work one to one with the teacher," Glenn says. "And I have five hard working students that I expect a lot from," comments Mr. Morris.

## Local drama shows history

BRIERFIELD IRONWORKS PARK took on a new look this summer as Alabama's first outdoor drama went on stage.

The production, "Brighthope," reenacted through dialogue, dance and song, is the history of the Brighthope iron furnace, located in Brierfield, approximately five miles from Montevallo.

### History of 3 counties given

It also tells of the early settlers in Shelby, Jefferson and Bibb Counties who founded the works and maintained iron production until the Civil War.

The drama was written by Kermit Hunter, author of "Unto these Hills," presented annually in Cherokee, N. C. Dr. Charles Harbour was producer, and Dr. John Rude was director. Both are from the University of Montevallo.

### Large cast

The production, including a cast of over 100 dancers and actors ended August 6.

After months of rehearsing, building sets and props, and preparation of costumes, the lights went up and a capacity crowd every weekend was taken through the journey of "Brighthope."

Several characters were portrayed by professional cast members, but many came from the University of Montevallo and the surrounding area.

### MHSer is dancer

Among the cast was MHS freshman Krislin Stewart. Krislin was a member of the "Hootenanny" dancers during the scene in which a 4th of July celebration was portrayed.

Also acting in the drama, July 2-Aug. 6, were Regina Harbour (MHS, '76) and Judy Nordan Trotter (MHS, '68).

...Rene Davis

## 'Montala' staff kicks off sale

National Honor Society members are selling ads to finance the yearbook. Business manager Janet Hicks heads the sales.

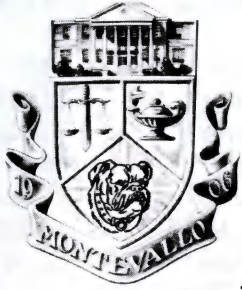
The group's 16 members are divided into teams of two. Each team has certain businesses to contact. Letters will be sent to some companies which cannot be contacted personally.

"We're hoping to do even better than the staff of last year which netted \$1,105," Janet says.



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--In new program at UM--

## Future teachers watch MHS

NINE UNIVERSITY OF MONTEVALLO students began observations at MHS Sept. 12. The students are freshmen and sophomores studying education. Previously only seniors made observations. However, the State Board of Education felt students should become familiar with teaching earlier in order to determine whether it was the right occupation for them explains Principal W. C. Corbett.

The students watch classes in action for two hours every Tuesday for four weeks at the high school then rotate to the elementary and middle schools in Montevallo while another group comes to "visit" at MHS.

### 5th, 6th periods

The potential teachers observe fifth and sixth period classes of teachers Cathy Bearden, Susie DeMent, Jim Hermecz, Jennifer Jones, and George Lilly.

Students at MHS are Carol Lewellen, Jeanette Swindle, Gail Short, Deanie Smith, Judy Smith, Margaret Speed, Midge Whitburn, Judy Williams and Laura Wright.

### 150 observers

A total of 150 students are observing in Shelby County schools in the program approved by the Shelby County Board of Education.

In addition, a number of UM seniors are finishing their required observation in various MHS classes as they do each year.

## It's time to check

The first grading period of the year which began Aug. 23 ends next Friday.

Report cards will be given out the following week.

## 'Spotlight' will sponsor election

NEXT TUESDAY MHS students will "vote" for candidates in the state's run-off elections.

Governor and attorney general races on the state level and the local Shelby County Schools superintendent are among those to be decided upon.

Students will cast votes for their favorites on unmarked ballots provided by the Shelby County Probate Judge's office. An extended homeroom period will be provided for the voting sponsored by SPOTLIGHT.

"We hope this poll will give us an idea of MHS's feelings toward the candidates. All students are urged to participate," states assistant editor Emily Steele.



### PLANNING THE YEAR

Junior president Bret Jones (1) studies school calendar with senior leader Kevin Hughes.

## Athletes lead juniors, seniors

Two athletes won top offices in the junior and senior classes last week.

Kevin Hughes, quarterback, is senior class president; and Bret Jones, a basketball and baseball star, will lead juniors.

Other senior officers are Shawn Spicer, vice president.

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ntary School will host the first TA meetings Monday, Oct. 2, at 7:30 p.m. I will be at the Open House, and MES Principal Doris will give a cordial invitation to

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## Athletes lead-(cont'd)

president; Rene Davis, secretary; and Marty Eddleman, treasurer.

According to Kevin tentative plans call for several class parties and a senior trip. In addition, the officers select invitations and caps and gowns to be used this year.

Serving with Bret are Debbie Kunkel, vice president; LuAnn Moody, secretary; and Deandrea Cole, treasurer. Their main project is the class prom.

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## It's News Downtown

## Local business changes name

Montevallo's Top Dog Restaurant is now "Fat Dawgs." John Armstrong is the new owner of the cafe on Main Street.

Sherman Holland Ford's name has been changed to Sampler-Holland.

Mr. James R. Sampler now part owner of the dealership, reports that the business company is selling the Mercury line of cars rather than Fords.

The University of Montevallo will hold a symposium on Alabama's Natural Resources, Sept. 28, in

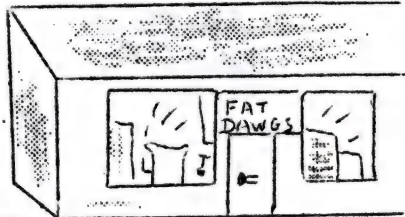
## Teachers tell in-service plans

On Oct. 5 the MHS faculty will meet with Calera High teachers for their first in-service meeting of the year. Later MHS instructors will have their own sessions on Dec. 4, Jan. 8 and Mar. 5.

Teachers Don Benton, Jim Hermecz and Jennifer Jones will lead discussions on current articles on education.

An evaluation of the project is set for May 7 according to the plan given the teachers by chairman Ann Parker.

In-service programs are required by the Southern Association of Colleges and High Schools and the Shelby County Board of Education.



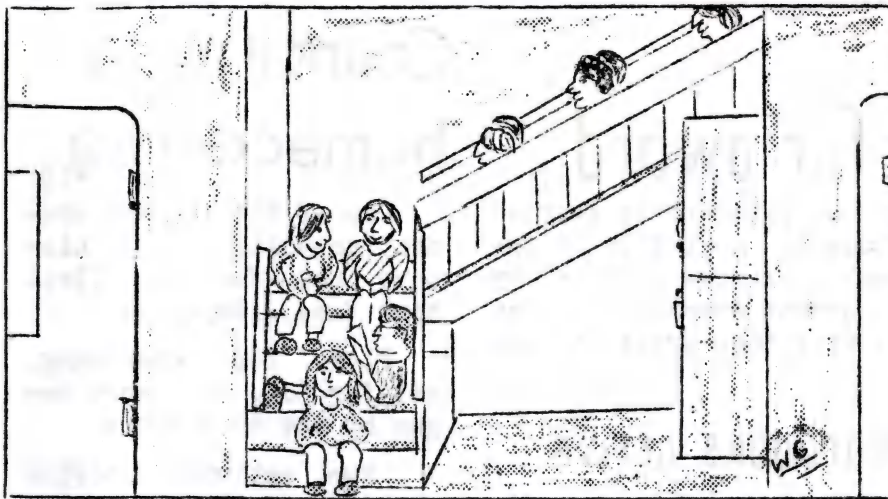
Comer Hall at 2 p.m.

The project is funded by the Alabama Committee for the Humanities and Public Policy and the National endowment for the Humanities.

The Christian Mission in Pea Ridge will show a teen challenge film Sunday. The show, featuring Charles Colson and Dr. Catherine Hess, will be presented at 6 p.m.

Former Montevallo policeman Steve Taylor (MHS '70) is now on UM's Police Force.





## Sitters create confusion, peril

"I think I can, I think I can," I keep telling myself on every step going downstairs--or upstairs.

Dodging bodies, saying excuse me, making people mad, tripping over somebody's feet.

Each step's a challenge --either you make it, or--you fall.

In the mornings and at break, numerous students pack the stairs to sit and talk. When anyone wants to pass, the stair-sitters act offended when actually they are the offenders.

Not only is it rude to block a passageway, but the State Fire Code states stairways are not to be blocked at any time.

In case of a fire, students from upstairs should be able to move downstairs freely. Those on the steps would be in great danger of being hurt.

Stair-sitters should be looking for another place to "park"--either on the carpeted hallways or the benches outside.

## Voting influences future

AS THE DATE FOR the Democrats' primary runoff election nears, all voters should make plans to go to the polls and vote for the candidates of their choice. Citizens who fail to vote are throwing away one of their most precious rights. They are disregarding their right to have a voice in the government.

By not voting they very probably are missing the "real" election, for in the final voting between Democrat and Republican candidates, the Democrats have traditionally been "shoo-ins" in Alabama.

Even though it won't affect the actual outcome of the election, MHSers will also be given the opportunity to vote. This gives students the chance to decide who they would cast their vote for if old enough to vote.

Since voting is such an important part of our society, everyone is urged to take the upcoming election seriously.

Whether you take part in the school's straw poll or the true election, this is an opportunity for you to THINK.

## Volunteers aid school program

Community volunteers play a large part in MHS's life. An example is Mrs. Glinda Godwin's volunteering to direct the girls' chorus.

In such a small school with so few teachers as MHS, people like this add much to the list of activities that can be offered.

Students and faculty appreciate these services and thank those who care so much about MHS and her students.

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## Seniors eligible for award

MHS seniors can try for a \$10,000 scholarship awarded by Century III. Interested students must file an application with guidance counselor Frances Anthony by Oct. 13. This is followed by a current events exam on Oct. 16. Those passing the test will then write an essay about America's future.

A school winner will be submitted to the state selection committee.

The top two contestants from each state will receive a \$1 500 scholarship and an expense-paid trip to the Century III Leaders Conference in Williamsburg, Va. Mar. 1-5.

There they will exchange ideas about America's pressing concerns with their peers and leaders in business, education and the democratic society.

The national winner will receive the \$10,000 scholarship. Nine national semifinalists each get a \$500 scholarship in addition to the state awards.

## Juniors continue selling magazines

Juniors officially began MHS's annual magazine sale when they met with Mr. Martin Mills of Cadence Publishing Company last Wednesday.

Students have one more week to sell magazines, tapes, and records before the project ends next Friday.

"Thus far everyone is doing well in this class effort," comments class sponsor Danny Goggins.

Proceeds finance the junior-senior prom held in the spring.

## Yearbooks arrive

The '78 MONTALAS arrived Sept. 18 for the second time. They had been delivered earlier but had to be returned due to an error in printing.

Barry Kornegay was editor of the book which had "Memories Go On Forever" as its theme. Mrs. Frances Anthony was faculty adviser.

## Baker's piano wins

Senior Mark Baker took second place in the Farm Bureau Talent Contest at Shelby County Fair Sept. 11. He was awarded \$40 for his performance at the piano.

Mary Jane Wyatt Emfinger (MHS '78) won third place and \$10 playing the flute.

LeAnn Shearer, a UM student from Alabaster, took first place singing "I Enjoy Being a Girl." She will compete in Mobile in December for a state title.

## Freshman leads band sale

Freshman Taylor Lawrence was top salesman in the band's recent light bulb sale which netted \$927 for band expenses. He obtained orders for 41 packages.

The bulbs, manufactured by Westinghouse, will arrive in a few weeks according to band director Jim Weese who says, "We didn't reach the hoped-for goal, but I feel the sale was still a success."

## Council plans homecoming

One of the largest student councils in MHS history met for the first time Tues., Sept. 12.

Plans for Homecoming, set for Oct. 27, were begun by the 60 members.

Two activity period meetings each month plus after school sessions when needed will be held for the members according to sponsor Don Benton.

The organization raised \$363 for its funds at a sock hop following the MHS-Thompson game.

Senior Gay Perkins is president of SC.

## Volunteer director leads girls' chorus

"Photographs and Memories," a song by Jim Croce, was on the agenda for the first meeting of girls' chorus last week.

The 15-member group led by Mrs. Glinda Godwin and accompanied by senior Mark Baker meets each Monday at 3:00.

"We hope to sing for civic groups and churches in the community," says Mrs. Godwin who volunteered her services.



# Some work more than play

Summer days may have passed by leisurely for most MHSers; but for some, the days were spent working. In a recent SPOTLIGHT survey, 89 students reported holding jobs over the summer. Of the total, 21 ninth graders, 10 tenth graders, 18 juniors, and 40 seniors were employed.

Jobs held by the summer workers included bus boys, waitresses, clerks, and secretarial and construction work.

"I think summer jobs help high schoolers in more ways than one, says teacher Doug Morris, who employed seniors David Lash and Gary McCullough.

"It gives them practical experience with work and teaches them responsibility," he adds.

Senior Patrick Sims observes, "Working gave me something to do."

## Lunch tickets support 'Dogs

Students now use lunch tickets which sport the school colors of orange and blue. Last year's orange tickets are being used along with the new blue ones.

The blue tickets are the same size and price, just a different color.

Principal W. C. Corbett picked the new color. "About 10,000 tickets are sold to students at our school each year," he says.

## Class shows spirit

Juniors have won the spirit stick both times it has been given this year.

The "stick" will be awarded again today at the pep rally says head cheerleader Jan Gauntt.

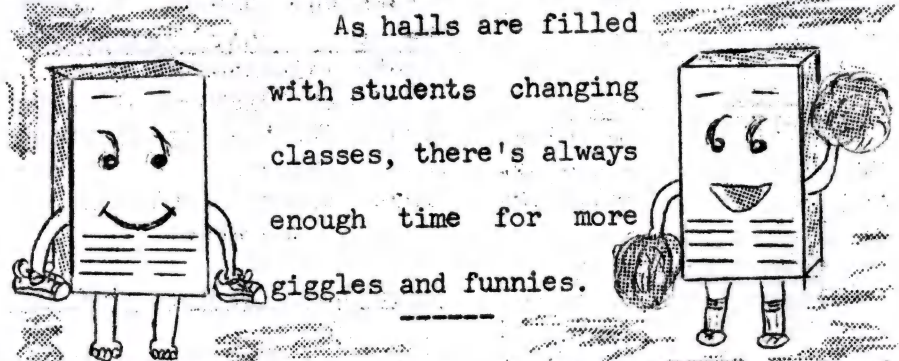
## Blood drive planned

The Red Cross will hold its annual blood drive at MHS on Oct. 3 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Students who are 17 or older and obtain the consent of their parents may donate blood.

## Locker Laughs--

### Locker slams on corny pun



As halls are filled with students changing classes, there's always enough time for more giggles and funnies.

Senior Kathy Hegwood attempted a pun in journalism. Failing to get a laugh from anyone, she said, "That was supposed to be a locker laugh."

"Yeah, well, it got the door closed on it," said junior Clay Fowler.

In home ec, senior Carol Knowles and cheerleader Ann Frye were discussing how Ann's "MHS" fit, meaning her uniform.

Junior Fredia Thrift looked puzzled and asked, "The building?"

## Auditorium ready to use

MHS's auditorium is again in use.

The facility was under construction for several months due to a fire which gutted it last December.

New features include a drop ceiling with recessed lights, hardwood flooring, sheet rock walls and stage curtains from Chichester Custom Draperies.

The first event held in the like-new structure was a sock hop sponsored by the Student Council after the Thompson game.

When freshman Dennis Beers asked junior Deandra Cole where she had just been, Deandra, who was holding a band shoe, laughed, "Walking my shoe."

College prep English students were discussing the topics of their latest assignments. "I wrote on the same thing you did," remarked Billy Brantley.

"No, you didn't," answered classmate Stark Harbour.

"Didn't you write on paper?" Billy asked.



## 'Dogs drop 2 close ones

It was billed as "The Game" and it proved to be just that as the Bulldogs battled Thompson's Warriors in Fisher Stadium last Friday night, losing 22-21. It was the second loss in two weeks for MHS. The 'Dogs lost a 13-8 decision to Childersburg the previous week.

Montevallo jumped to an 8-0 lead in the closing seconds of the first quarter against Thompson as quarterback Kevin Hughes hit Jerome Tolbert on a 25-yd. TD toss and then passed to Edd Green for the conversion.

### Russell intercepts

Two plays later, Bulldog defensive cornerback Paul Russell intercepted a pass and returned it 30 yards for the second score. Buddy Holsombeck's kick added the PAT for MHS's 15-0 lead.

The Warriors roared back with two consecutive second quarter TD's to tie the game at 15 at halftime.

### MHS leads again

With 6:25 left in the third quarter Hughes connected with Tolbert again for a 27-yd. TD. The kick was wide and the score stood 21-15, MHS leading.

Late in the fourth period Warrior running back David Cofer raced 48 yards for the tying TD.

### Smitherman boots it

Specialist Steve Smitherman toed true on the extra point that gave THS the winning edge.

### Tigers take over

Montevallo could muster only four first downs and 104 yards offense as Childersburg stormed into Fisher Stadium to claim a 13-8 victory Sept. 2.

Coach Richard Gilliam expressed disappointment over the loss but praised the defensive effort.

Completing five of eight passes in the fourth period, quarterback Hughes hit Kelvin Lilly on a 28-yd. TD strike with 6:40 left in the game. Hughes passed to Marty Eddleman for the two points.

Curt Looney led the Tigers with 57 yards rushing and one touchdown.

--Unbeaten--

## Girls enter UM's tourney

Montevallo's undefeated volleyball team plays in the UM Invitational tomorrow. The Bulldogs' first opponent is Erwin. A second match is with the Vincent-Thompson winner.

Sophomore Valerie Hays led the team in what Coach Dot Bishop felt was the Bulldogs' strongest area--serving, as they walloped Thompson last Thursday.

In two games the 'Dogs downed the Warriors 15-7 and 15-1.

"We also got a chance to make use of our new (6-2) offensive play," comments Coach Bishop.

The volleyballers also defeated Bibb County 15-13 and 15-2 and topped Tuscaloosa 15-3 playing at Centreville Tuesday.

The next regular game is Tuesday at 3:30 against the Chelsea Hornets in the Susie DeMent Gym.

## Jerome stands out

Collecting 11 individual tackles, 7 assists, and 2 quarterback sacks in the Childersburg game earned linebacker Jerome Tolbert Shelby County Reporter's Lineman-of-the-Week award.

Coach Richard Gilliam says, "If the ballcarrier stays between the sidelines, Roney'll get him."

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### Substitute Coach on the spot--

## He cheers for both sides

Mr. Sammy Skinner may have "sat on the fence" during last Friday's annual Bulldog-Warrior classic. The former lineman from Thompson High School is teaching phys ed classes at MHS which made him have a special interest in both teams.

He took over teaching after Coach Richard Gilliam suffered a broken leg in the game against Shelby County.

Not only did Coach Skinner play football for the Warriors, but he also served as manager and scorekeeper for the team that made the state playoffs in 1966. As a phys ed major at UM, Mr. Skinner played on a football team which won the intramural championship three out of four years. He is also a registered umpire and completed student teaching in PE at Pelham High School.

"He's very knowledgeable about procedures and is doing a real good job. He sees what needs to be done and does it," Coach Gilliam remarks about his helper.





**SEE ANY YET?**  
Juniors James Lash (1) and Chuck Hood watch for birds on opening day of dove season.

### Bulldog Growls-

## Girls preserve winning tradition

by Kevin Hughes

Girls athletics have been on the upswing across the nation for the past decade; and MHS is right in step.



Coach Dot Bishop has been a major factor in promoting girls athletics at MHS, sporting a very impressive record with volleyball, basketball and track teams.

MHS has competed in volleyball against county rivals for the past six years and for three years has been included in state play, placing second among 2A schools last season.

The Bulldogs have been a very prominent figure in state athletics for the past several years, and with female athletes winning popularity every year, the "Lady Bulldogs" seem to be on the right track.

as wildlife biologists in the state report a 14 per cent increase in dove population.

"I think it's going to be a good season for I've already seen a good many doves this year," says sophomore Eddie Key, who joined local hunters in the hayfields Saturday.

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## Coach reports leg is mending

Coach Richard Gilliam, still on crutches with a broken leg received in a sideline injury on opening night, is optimistic.

"The leg is healing much faster than was expected; and this large, heavy cast should be replaced with a small and much lighter one in the next two weeks," he says.

To aid him in coaching duties Coach has had the use of a golf cart furnished by Mr. Bobby Hughes and Mr. Jimmy Jones. The two made arrangements for the cart with Dr. Leon Davis at UM.

"You should see him zoom up and down the rows of players at practice," observes Assistant Coach Kurt Pnazeck.

# Dove season begins

by Glenn Anthony

Last Saturday afternoon numerous MHS students and some teachers took to the fields as dove hunting season began.

The first part of the split season ends Nov. 1 and the second part runs from Dec. 23 to Jan. 14. Hours are from 12:00 noon until sunset, with a bag limit of 12 birds per day.

Hunters should be in luck this year

### At Chelsea tonight--

## 'Dogs to face first area foe

After three home games the Bulldogs take to the road tonight for the first time this season.

Two consecutive road trips match the 'Dogs with a tough pack of Hornets at Chelsea tonight and the Jemison Panthers next week.

### First area game

Revenge will be in the minds of the Hornets as they remember a 26-12 loss to MHS last year in Fisher Stadium. The match is the first area game for MHS this season.

Chelsea defeated Talladega County Training School last week in its first area game.

### Tough at home

"They have a strong defense and are a very hard hitting team, and they always play us tough up there," Coach Richard Gilliam notes about the Chelsea Hornets.

Next week the Bulldogs travel to Jemison hoping to repeat last year's 20-6 victory over the 3A Panther rivals.



For Summer work--

## Teachers become students

Several faculty members sacrificed summer vacations to attend classes or workshops.

Staff members Jim Hermecz and Willie Turner earned AA certificates. Chemistry teacher Hermecz completed work at the University of Montevallo in May and special education teacher Turner earned his certificate at Alabama State University in Montgomery. Mr. Turner also took a weekend course on drug abuse and says he plans to study English at UM next semester.

English teachers Barbara Belisle and Ann Parker attended UM. Mrs. Belisle studied Romantic and European writers while Mrs. Parker took a graduate course that will help her with a special project for her class.

Others attended workshops. Home economics teachers Junnie Craig and Rose Ellen Hankins went to a four day vocational workshop in Montgomery, and drivers ed teacher Charles Martin attended a motorcycle workshop in Huntsville.

In addition, Mr. Charles Kidd studied special needs education at Alabama A and M University and Mr. Johnny McClain went to an energy workshop.

Also, Mrs. Belisle and Mrs. Frances Anthony represented the county at the NEA Convention in Dallas.

## Ring day set

Juniors will take the first step toward graduation Oct. 10.

Mr. Burt Jones from Josten's will help them select ring stones and styles which depict their high school days.

"A \$20 deposit is required," says guidance counselor Frances Anthony.

## Former teacher dies

Former MHS agribusiness teacher Gary Moncus was killed during the summer when lightning struck a metal shed where he was working.

Mr. Moncus began teaching at MHS following the retirement of Mr. "Moon" Thornton.

After finishing out the year of 1976, he left to go to Woodland High School where he was to have begun his third year of teaching.

## Field trip opens unit--

## Home ec studies decorating

Mrs. Junnie Craig's third year home economics class visited Becky's Interiors in Calera Sept. 6.

The trip opened a unit on interior decorating for the group which included refinishing furniture and upholstery.

A tour of the store included instruction on choosing carpeting and covering furniture.

After the visit, students, working in teams, began to repair furniture as a classroom project. Items refinished are two tables, two chairs, and a telephone bench.

Mrs. Craig comments, "I believe everyone enjoyed the trip and learned how to take an old piece of furniture that had been discarded and make it usable."

## MES adds kindergarten

Montevallo Elementary School has two new kindergarten classes.

Forty 5-year olds are instructed by Mrs. Gail Nathews and Miss Harriet Smith.

The group has been working with limited equipment due to the short notice by the State Legislature that the program would be funded according to Principal Doris Jeter.

"However," she adds, "We hope to have additional materials soon."

Mrs. Jeter also reports that seven student teachers from the University of Montevallo are teaching in various classes at MES.

## MHS OFFERS CLUBS

Today in homeroom students will sign up for clubs they wish to join.





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## October Events

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- 20 Homecoming
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### CONGRATULATIONS IN ORDER

MHS vocational students Edd Green (center) and Walter Gottier discuss election results with their supervisor and new Superintendent of Education Charles Knowles.

## Knowles wins race for superintendent

VOCATIONAL SCHOOL SUPERVISOR Charles Knowles is Shelby County's choice for Superintendent of Education. He won the election by almost 2,000 votes on Sept. 26.

Mr. Knowles is also MHS's choice for the position. He defeated his opponent Dr. Norma Rogers 258-82 in the mock election Tuesday at MHS.

### Win some--lose some

Other candidates fared the same as they did throughout the state, while some of MHSers' choices lost in the actual election.

The Governor's race was the closest at MHS. Bill Baxley beat Fob James by only 1 vote--173 to 172.

However, in the state James came out ahead with 499,337 votes to Baxley's 405,373.

### Solid choices

Others who won at MHS and in the State were: Lieutenant Governor, George McMillan; Senator (Place 2), Donald Stewart; State Senator, Doug Cook; Secretary of State, Don Siegelman.

US House Representative, Richard C. Shelby; Shelby County Tax Assessor, Bobbie J. Reynolds; and District (Cont'd p. 2)

In national celebration--

## MHS observes Coach's Day

TODAY IS NATIONAL COACH'S DAY. This is a special time set aside to honor those all over the country who train athletes, instruct the fundamentals of competitive sports and direct team strategy, according to ABC sportscasters who announced the observance during halftime of the Alabama USC football game.

MHS has four teachers who serve as coaches. Miss Dot Bishop and Mr. Richard Gilliam, who have taught six and five years respectively at MHS, head the athletic department.

In addition special education instructor Kurt Pnazeck has completed two years as head basketball coach and history teacher George Lilly one year as assistant.

UM student Bobby Sherrer (MHS '75) also serves as an assistant on the MHS staff. (See pp. 7, 8)



# Band competes tomorrow

Montevallo's Troubadours will compete tomorrow in their only marching contest of the season. The band leaves early in the morning to attend the Southeastern Marching Festival held annually at Troy State University.

Last year's event was canceled due to rain, but in all previous performances at the contest, the Troubadours earned either excellent or superior ratings.

Director Jim Weese plans to use "The Land of Make Believe" as a feature tune to replace the Elvis Presley medley used in halftime shows, for brevity is needed in the contest.

Mr. Weese says he is "looking forward to the Troy contest to better the record of two years ago when we rated excellent."

## Former teacher dies in hospital

Mrs. Blanche Coger, a former MHS history teacher, died Sept. 26 at Brookwood Medical Center in Birmingham.

Mrs. Coger retired from MHS in 1974 after 44 years of teaching, 39 of which were in Shelby County's Schools. She taught five years at MHS after transferring from Prentice High.

Mrs. Coger was especially remembered for her pet project, "The President's Notebook," a project which featured pictures and stories about all the presidents of the United States.

In 1965 she was honored as the Teacher of the Year for Shelby County.

"Mrs. Coger was a dedicated Christian teacher who did a great job and influenced hundreds of students. She inspired the lives of many students in a positive way," says MHS Principal W. C. Corbett.

## Reports are due

Report cards will be given out today. A special homeroom session will be held at 2:05 just before the pep rally (2:15) for handing out the grades.

### It's News Downtown--

## Signs identify streets, avenues

Street corners in Montevallo have a new look. The city has erected 50 new street identification road signs.

City manager Don Hughes said that "all old signs are being replaced with new ones which were made by Seaman Lumber Company and designed to last a lifetime."

The Shelby County Historical Society will host a county fair and flea market tomorrow on the old courthouse grounds in Columbiana.

The purpose of the event is to raise money for restoration of the building which was once used as the Shelby County Courthouse.

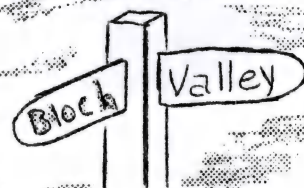
## Knowles --(Cont'd)

2 Commissioner, Harold Davenport.

Although MHSers elected Walter Flowers for US Senator (Place 1), Howell Heflin won out in the real election.

Two others MHSers miscalculated on were Joe Fine and Annie Laurie Gunter; Charlie Graddick for Attorney General and Juanita McDaniel for State Treasurer were winners.

The election held at MHS was sponsored by the SPOTLIGHT staff. "We were surprised to find how many students voted for only one or two offices," comments editor Rene Davis.



Mrs. Gail Chlon is the new publications coordinator at UM.

She will be responsible for the Alumni Bulletin as well as other publications.

Tentative plans are being made to move Pep's Feed and Hardware to a new location.

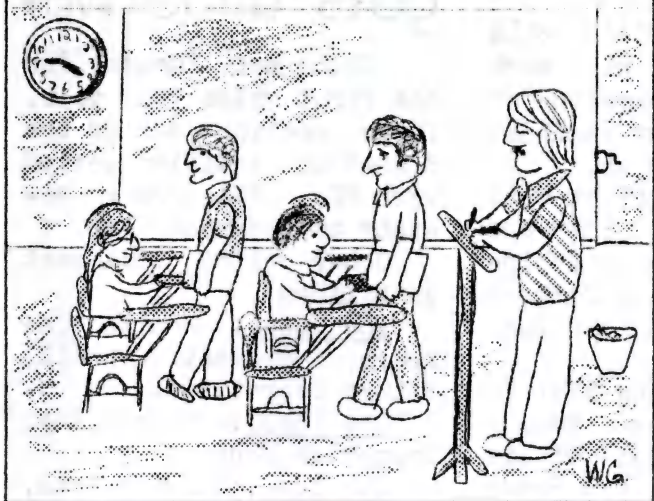
The business, presently located on Main Street, has been in existence since 1929 according to its owner Mr. Pep Jeter.

The Alabama State Fair began yesterday in Birmingham, featuring its regular attractions.

It lasts through Oct. 14.



## Shall we continue?



Spirit Sticks awarded--

## Competition raises spirit

For the past three weeks the cheerleaders have awarded "spirit sticks" to the class displaying the most school spirit at pep rallies.

To help determine winners, each grade was assigned a designated area in which to sit and cheer. This arrangement seems to have given "pizazz" to the rallies by producing a feeling of competition among the classes. Thus, in an attempt to "out-yell" and "over-cheer" another group, classes have created a greater school spirit.

The cheerleaders are commended for helping spirit grow by initiating these new practices for rallies.

## Her students will remember

History teacher Blanche Coger, who taught for many years at Prentice and five years at MHS will long be remembered as a dedicated instructor and community leader.

Her death last week brings to an end a long career of helping youth.

Henry Adams' quote, "A teacher affects eternity. She can never tell where her influence stops," selected by Mrs. Coger for her obituary, is appropriate, as Mrs. Coger's influence will go on through students who admired and respected her during 44 teaching years.

## Tardies disrupt class

Class has started and in walk Bulldog Smith and Troubadour Jones. "Why are you late?" the teacher asks.

"We just couldn't make it on time," they answer, strolling slowly to their desks while the teacher fills out a tardy slip--and the class waits.

Tardies this year are worse than ever in the history of MHS according to Principal W. C. Corbett. Students are averaging approximately 40 each day. Usually it is the same people over and over again with only about 5% of the student body causing the problem of disrupting classes due to the late entry.

These people are presenting problems for their teachers as well as depriving themselves and others of valuable classroom time.

Troubadour Jones and Bulldog Smith, please make it to class on time!

## Some don't care

Voter apathy is always a problem in a democracy. This proved to be true in MHS's straw vote.

Out of the 436 students present that day only 351 voted.

Probably those same students who gave up their chance to vote in the mock election will become citizens who give up their say in government.

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## Student teachers arrive Oct. 23

Eight seniors from the University of Montevallo will begin student teaching at MHS Oct. 23. They will work under the supervision of MHS teachers in English, history and home ec.

## Therapist offers speech help

Speech therapist Sherri Horton works with four MHS special education students in 30 minute sessions once a week.

According to special education instructor Kurt Pnazek the students were referred to Mrs. Horton by him and Mr. Willie Turner, another special education teacher.

Those receiving the assistance were administered a diagnostic test by Mrs. Horton.

Mr. Pnazek feels that the one-to-one relationship with the therapist is helping these students become better readers.

"It's very effective," Mr. Pnazek reports.

Mrs. Horton also works with students at the elementary and middle schools.

## Band supporters plan fund raiser

To raise money for the Troubadours, Band Boosters will sponsor a "Big-Day Event" in Orr Park Nov. 4.

Games, auctions, contests and a mini-marathon will be featured.

A contest for naming the day ended yesterday. The winner, who gets a \$10 prize, will be announced today according to speech teacher Barbara Belisle.

Three of the eight will teach English. They are Margaret Bloomer (Robinson/Jones); Susan Cochran (Parker); and Gerald Lawrence (Belisle).

Those teaching history will be James Nabors (Jones / McClain); Willie Parke (Goggins); and Frederick Smith (Lilly).

Two others will work in home economics. They are Kay Clarke and Ruth Guidon (Craig/Hankins).

"We're looking forward to having these people at MHS," says Principal W. C. Corbett.

### After survey taken--

## Exploring taps 3 MHSers

Three MHS juniors have been selected to participate with 12 students from Shelby and Jefferson Counties in a program, Exploring, offered at Oak Mountain Park.

These students, Deandrea Cole, Chuck Hood, and James Lash, were chosen for the program after they expressed interests in forestry, land management, and emergency reserve in a survey taken last year.

The survey was given to 29,000 students in the two county area and dealt with hobbies and career choices.

Exploring is a learning and training experience sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America and includes over 1400 teenagers in the Birmingham area.

The students have already attended one meeting and according to James Lash have begun planning several activities including a trip to Cheaha State Park.

## Club schedule gets underway

Clubs met Tuesday for the first time this year. Those meeting during the 8:10-8:40 activity period were FFA, FHA, Honor Society and Spanish Club.

Other clubs will meet as follows:

2nd Tues.: Health Careers, Student Council, Future Secretaries.

3rd Tues.: Math Club, Dramatics Club.

4th Tues.: Lively Arts, Student Council, Journalism Club, FCA.

"We would like to see every student involved in some activity. We feel that this kind of participation builds school spirit," encourages teacher Susie DeMent.

## Staff starts work

The MONTALA staff began planning the '79 yearbook when the group met Sept. 25 with Mr. David Turner, Taylor Publishing Co. representative who works annually with the staff.

The group discussed paper, themes, and lettering to be used in the book.

Editor Rene Davis says plans are already underway for an assembly for students to order yearbooks.



From 11 different cities--

# Transfers bring many talents

by Emily Steele

TRANSFER STUDENTS arrived at MHS this fall from 11 different cities throughout Alabama as well as numerous towns in Florida, Georgia, Illinois, New York, Tennessee, and Germany. Most of these bring records of activities along with them which indicate they could be great assets to the MHS population.

Eight previously served as cheerleaders. They are seniors Amy Binion and Kathy Hegwood (captain); juniors Michelle Mayhall and Kellie Thomas; sophomores Darlene Cadle, Daena Harrison and Angela Russell; and freshman Missie Harrison.

## All kinds of athletes

Montevallo also acquired 15 former athletes. Michelle and junior Clay Smitherman were badminton players. Clay also served on a baseball team along with freshman Kenny Pruitt and junior Paul Russell. Darlene, freshman Shelia Jones and junior Amos Nicks were gymnasts or tumblers at their former schools.

Kenny, Paul, and freshman Michael Knox and Steve Wilkinson defended their alma maters as gridmen, while Angela, Steve and senior Gary McCullough were roundballers.

## Soccer player

Gary also played soccer and was a member of the wrestling squad.

Three softball players were Amy, sophomore Tina Allen, and freshman Denise Perry.

Tina, Gary, Amos, and Angela also participated in track events.

Of the approximately 30 transfers, nine were honor students and six served as student council representatives.

Principal W. C. Corbett observes, "This is the most outstanding group of transfers we've had since I've been principal for ten years at MHS."

# UM sponsors clean up day

Tomorrow the Chamber of Commerce, Montevallo High School, the Montevallo city government and UM officials will join together in "Spruce Up Day."

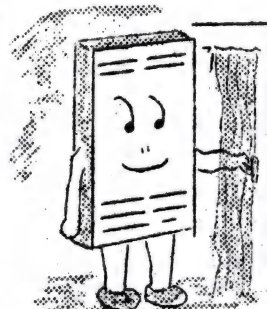
The project is to clean areas on and near the UM campus in preparation for Founders Day at UM.

MHS's section is from Jeter Hall to Hgwy. 119.

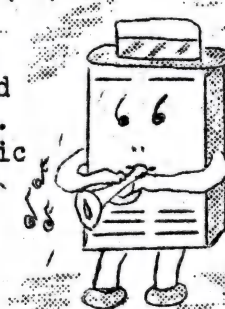
According to coordinator John VanValkenburg refreshments will be provided on UM quadrangle from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for workers.

## Locker Laughs--

# Tina suggests happy medium



The Bulldog team  
Is really great;  
Elections are settled  
Throughout the state.  
The Troubadours' music  
Is sounding fine  
And students always  
Have a funny line!



Juniors Jan Gauntt and Tina Barrow were discussing class rings when Jan said, "I don't know what color to order, gold or silver."

Tina whipped back, "Just order white gold."

When band members began the cheer, "B A N D! We love our band," Monique VanLandingham remarked, "I think we're kinda blowing our own horns."

While seniors discussed book reviews in college prep English, Leslee Belluchie mentioned that one of the characters in her book worked in a bra factory.

Lee Clayton said, "Bet he works 18 hours a day!"

In fifth period journalism, students were told that they had to rewrite a story until they earned an A.

When junior Clay Fowler was told to rewrite his story a third time, he observed, "Man, and this is a two-year course."



In area football game--

## Chelsea falls to 'Dogs 36-0

The Bulldogs crossed Chelsea's goal line five times in the first half then watched their reserves fight the Hornets to a 0-0 tie in the second half as Montevallo won its first area game of the season, 36-0, at Chelsea Sept. 22.

Scoring on five of the first six possessions against a Hornet defense that boasted having yielded only six points in four games, the Bulldogs rolled up 280 yards rushing and 60 yards passing.

### 3 TD's, first period

Edd Green went in from five yards out, quarterback Kevin Hughes scored on a 75-yd. run, and Jerome Tolbert returned an intercepted pass 32 yards for the third touchdown in the first quarter.

### Purnell scores

Second period action saw big Sam Purnell (at fullback for the first time) dive over from the three and Hughes hit split end Marty Eddleman with a 40-yd. touchdown strike.

Hughes threw to Eddleman for one conversion and Purnell and Green ran two others across.

Here's the remaining schedule for the Bulldogs:

Oct. 6	Vincent	H
13	Winterboro	H
20	Calera	T
27	W. Blocton	H
	(Homecoming)	
Nov. 3	TCTS	T

### Productive first half--

## MHS races past Jemison

Montevallo exploded for 28 points in the first half and added 7 more in the third quarter to knock off the Panthers at Jemison last Friday night.

Fullback Sam Purnell started the scoring with a 42-yd. sprint with 6:34 left in the first quarter and before the half could end, quarterback Kevin Hughes had connected with receivers Marty Eddleman, Kenneth Jones, and Jerome Tolbert for three more touchdowns.

### Green goes 68

On the first play from scrimmage in the third period, Bulldog tailback Edd Green raced 68 yards for MHS's final score.

After that substitutes took over for MHS and held the Panthers until late in the fourth quarter.

### Jemison scores

With 2:03 remaining on the clock, Eddie Brown hit Ed Guy with an 8-yd. TD pass to put the Panthers on the board for the final count, MHS 35, Jemison 6.

Coach Richard Gilliam was "pleased with the efforts of both offensive and defensive units.

MHS quarterback Hughes completed 7 of 10 passes. He now has connected on a total of 27 of 48 tries for 432 yards and 9 TD's.

## Nan is winner

Jacksonville State University volleyball player Nan Jones (MHS '78) has been picked MVP by her coach and teammates in two games this year.

Nan, the first MHS girl to earn an athletic scholarship, has played in all JSU games this season.

JSU, 6-2, plays UM here Oct. 19.

## Band team loses

Drum major Shawn Spicer led the band as quarterback in a battle of the bands when Thompson High's Southern Sounds defeated the Troubadours 18-12 in a football game at Alabaster.

Senior Bulldogs Marty Eddleman and Buddy Holsomback were MHS coaches.

## Papers honor 4 Bulldogs

Four Bulldogs hold recent countywide recognition.

Seniors Lee Clayton and Sam Purnell were named co-linemen-of-the-week by SHELBY COUNTY REPORTER for outstanding play in the Thompson game. Clayton had 19 tackles and Purnell 15. Sophomore Glenn Jackson was lineman-of-the-week with 11 tackles against Chelsea.

Double honors came to Jerome Tolbert who was named headhunter of the week by SHELBY COUNTY NEWS for his 19 tackle performance against Chelsea and lineman-of-the-week for another 19-tackles game against Jemison.



Bulldog Growls--

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Vincent, Winterboro--WBYE gives  
fans news

by Kevin Hughes  
Shelby County has long boasted of its high school football teams, and countians usually have plenty reason for their pride the records prove the point.

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Interest in community schools is further proven each Saturday morning when "Coaches' Roundup" takes the air over Calera-based radio station WBYE.

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Including the county's two private schools, Mr. Randy Hester, who heads the program, talks with the nine head coaches to present a summary of the previous night's action.

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The program, sponsored by Leach Pontiac of Montevallo, is a real asset to Shelby County and its citizens. This kind of interest helps make county football what it is.

## Coach expects 'state contender'

by Earl Hayes

With basketball just around the corner, Bulldog fans are anxious to speculate about this year's squad.

"The five returning senior starters, Kenneth Bell, Otto Fields, Earl Hayes, Sam Purnell, and Jerome Tolbert, along with players Edd Green, Keith Gilmore and Bret Jones should provide a nucleus for a fine basketball team," Coach Kurt Pnazeck observes.

Mr. Pnazeck adds, "With a tough schedule which includes nine teams that we will face twice in the season and three big tournaments prior to the area and region, the team should be a prime contender for a state title--which is in everybody's mind."

## Games could tell area winner

The Bulldogs will be at home in Fisher Stadium for two area games facing the teams Coach Richard Gilliam has termed "the two to beat."

Tonight the 'Dogs face the Vincent Yellowjackets, who defeated Winterboro last week and Talladega County Training School earlier in the season. MHS has only one area win thus far--Chelsea.

The second area game awaits Montevallo with another pack of Bulldogs next Friday night. The canines from Winterboro will be remembering getting shut out 21-0 in last year's bout as they try to prove "their dogs are better than those of MHS."

Coach Gilliam remembers, "Last year Winterboro had a good defense, and this year they have the offense to go with it. They'll give us a good battle."

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'Pups' record shows  
1-3 for season

Junior varsity football players have seen action in four games this season and are 1-3 for the year.

The Bullpups defeated Shelby County 14-6 for the only win. They dropped decisions to Pelham (6-0), Chelsea (8-6), and Jemison (8-0).

In the only B team game played this year, Pelham slammed MHS 34-0.

Volleyball team  
tops CHS, ISS

Coach Dot Bishop's volleyball team took a double header last Thursday whipping Chelsea and Indian Springs.

The Bulldogs topped Chelsea's Hornets 15-2, 15-10 in a regular scheduled game, and the B-team beat ISS varsity 15-4, 15-9.

Fall at UM

The volleyballers failed to place in the tournament at UM Sept. 23 when they were matched against 3a and 4a teams.

Erwin High of Birmingham and the Lawrence County High team downed Montevallo, but the Bulldogs took Thompson at the meet to remain undefeated in county play.

They nosed out the Warriors 7-15, 15-13, 15-7.

The girls' next game is a morning match, Oct. 11, with Thompson.



## Sign language attracts 14

Fourteen people took advantage of the sign language class at University Baptist Church under the instruction of MHS seniors Kathy Crowe and Beth Rochester.

The first lesson, Sept. 24, included memorization of the manual alphabet and some of the basic word signs.

According to Kathy anyone interested can still join the class which meets at 6:00 every Sunday.

"I'm real excited about teaching this year and believe everybody enrolled so far will do well in learning the language of the deaf," Kathy says.

## New texts arrive

Advanced science students are studying from new books this year.

Modern Biology and Modern Chemistry are 1977 editions published by Holt, Rhinehart and Winston Co.

"Most of the texts were rewritten and are much simpler and easier to understand," says biology teacher Joanna McGaughy.

## Senior girls prefer 'blue drapes'

According to Emily Steele, yearbook senior section editor, blue was the predominant color in drapes for the girls last Wednesday as senior portraits were made.

Other colors used were burgundy, olive green, gold, black and red.

The photography session, by Waldrup's Studios, involved approximately 85 seniors and their sponsors.

Proofs of the portraits should return in three to four weeks according to Terry Hill, photographer.

## Neighbor News--

### Local schools report events

Twenty five members were initiated into National Junior Honor Society Sept. 27 at Montevallo Middle School. The tapping was held in the MMS gym and was headed by NJHS President Richie Owens.

Richie and 24 other members, now MHS freshmen, attended the program.

Ninth graders who spoke were Ellen Arnold, Beth Hughes, Taylor Lawrence, Anna Lott, Gretchen Riesener, Paul Spicer and Krislin Stewart.

### Visitors speak in family class

Two speakers, Mrs. Kay Weldman and Mrs. Ann Cleere, have recently been a part of family living class.

Mrs. Weldman, registered nurse from Shelby County Health Department, talked about family planning, contraception and social diseases.

"I feel that her presentation was most informative and that every student should take family living or independent living before graduating, to learn about social diseases," notes teacher Rose Ellen Hankins.

Mrs. Cleere, an Avon cosmetics representative, showed various cosmetics and explained their uses.

Mrs. Pat Ray's 6th grade led the way in a sale of Henco Hair Products at the Montevallo Middle School, taking 225 orders.

Second highest sold was 214 by Mrs. Suzanne Moore's homeroom, another 6th grade class.

Sale profits will go to the air-conditioning fund to pay for five units yet needed at the school according to MMS secretary Jane Jones.

### Committee set

The Title I Parent Advisory Council at Montevallo Elementary School met last week. Four parents were elected to represent the PAC in countywide meetings.

These are Mrs. Peggy Boothe, Mrs. Lamonya Bullock, Mrs. Linda Goggins and Mrs. Robbie Rooks.

The group made plans for a workshop to help parents make reading materials for use at home according to Principal Doris Jeter.

### Eye Check-ups

All Montevallo Elementary School students had eye checkups Tuesday.

The MES PTA health committee, headed by Mrs. Fondra Singh, sponsored the project.



# Juniors net \$1,000 on magazine sales

OVER \$2,600 worth of magazines were sold by this year's junior class, topping last year's subscriptions of \$1,828.13.

**Luanne Moody** led the group with sales of \$412. For her efforts she was awarded a calculator, an AM-FM radio/tape player and jewelry.

Jeanie Bolling was second highest salesman. She earned an AM-FM radio for her \$250 sales.

Profits of over \$1,000 will finance the junior-senior prom in April.

Faculty advisor Danny Goggins says the orders should begin to arrive in about eight to ten weeks.



## SUPER SALESMAN

Top salesman Luanne Moody studies her wares to plan a new sales pitch.

## Photos offered

Waldrup's Studio will provide a cameraman at the homecoming dance. He will be available for pictures of individuals or couples.

Picture packets can be obtained for \$5.50 at the camera.



## FIREMAN'S PROTECTION

Assistant chief Robert Lightfoot explains equipment to Teresa Allen (l-r), Toni Fondren, Brenda Greer and Eddie Key. (See p. 2)

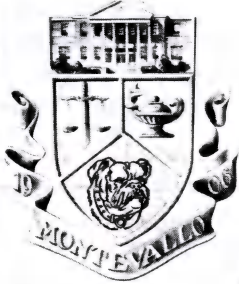
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Homecoming, Oct. 27

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--At pep rally today--

## HC Queen to begin reign

TODAY MARKS THE BEGINNING of MHS's annual homecoming festivities which feature the theme "Stairway to Heaven," Oct. 27. The homecoming queen, to be elected by the student body, will be announced at the 2:15 pep rally this afternoon. She will reign over three "spirit" days next week, the MHS-West Blocton football game and the dance Friday night in the auditorium.

Wednesday has been designated by the Student Council as "Hair Day"; Thursday, "Fifties Day"; and Friday, the traditional "Orange-Blue Day." Birmingham disc jockey Randy Archer will entertain at the dance which begins at 10:00 p.m. Admission is \$2 for couples; \$1.50, stag.

The queen and court will be presented in a pregame show and featured in a leadout at the dance. Dance decorations will include stars, clouds, and the "Pearly Gates." "Dress for the event," says homecoming committee member Leslee Belluchie, "will be dresses or pants for females and dress pants for the males."



## MHS observes fire safety

Montevallo's volunteer fire department visited MHS last Wednesday during National Fire Prevention Week. They displayed a fire engine, a snorkel, and fire fighting equipment on the front campus. A large sign on the snorkel told the theme, "Learn not to Burn."

The department also provided three films for MHSers. "Learn not to Burn" featured actor Dick Van Dyke with fire safety tips, "Donald's Fire Survival Plan" suggested every family have a fire escape plan and "Hall of Flame" with Ashley Burns told of fire prevention.

According to Principal W.C. Corbett the students cleared the building in 55 seconds during a fire drill held at 8:30 a.m.

"Montevallo has the best volunteer fire department in Alabama," Mr. Corbett notes, adding, "we are grateful to them for saving our building during our fire last year."

## 22 MHSers earn top grades

Twenty-two MHS students made the Principal's List earning all A's for the first six weeks grading period.

Seniors making the list are Glenn Anthony, Leslee Belluchie, Rene Davis, Janet Hicks, Gay Perkins, Emily Steele and Monique VanLandingham.

Juniors receiving the honor are Genea Abbott, Anita Bell, Ronnie Holsombeck, Anne Klemenc, Brenda Kuhnel and Belinda Morris.

Others earning all A's include sophomores Todd Austin, Clare Golson, David Melsoni and June Thompson and freshmen Gladys Brasher, Jeffery Gentry, Taylor Lawrence, Robyn Perkins and Krislin Stewart.

## 12 enter HC race

Twelve senior girls placed their names on the homecoming queen ballot.

They are Marla Abbott, Amy Binion, Phyllis Conwell, Rene Davis, Ann Frye, Kathy Hegwood, Janet Hicks, Karen Morris, Gay Perkins, Beth Rochester, Emily Steele and Monique VanLandingham.

### It's News Downtown--

## The circus is coming to town

The Carson and Barnes Circus will present two "Big Show" performances in Orr Park Nov. 3 at 5:00 and 8:00 p.m.

The event is sponsored by the Montevallo Park and Recreation Department for which Mr. Ott Knight serves as city recreation director. Principal W. C. Corbett is chairman of the Recreation Board.

Miss Polly Holliday who plays "Flo" on the TV show "Alice" has been named alumni fund chairman at UM. Miss Holliday attended the school when it was Alabama College.

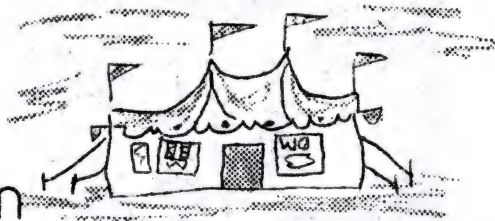
## Senior scholars receive honor

Nine seniors have been nominated for the Society of Distinguished American High School Students.

They are Glenn Anthony, Vicki Crowson, Rene Davis, Karen Morris, Gay Perkins, Lynn Sawyer, Shawn Spicer, Emily Steele and Monique VanLandingham.

To become a society member a student must hold a 90 or above average and show leadership qualities.

The purpose of the program is to reward America's top high school achievers. In addition, the Society recommends qualifying members as college scholarship candidates.



Former MHSer Jimmy Day now holds the title of Cadet Deputy Brigade Commander at West Point. This is the second highest cadet ranking.

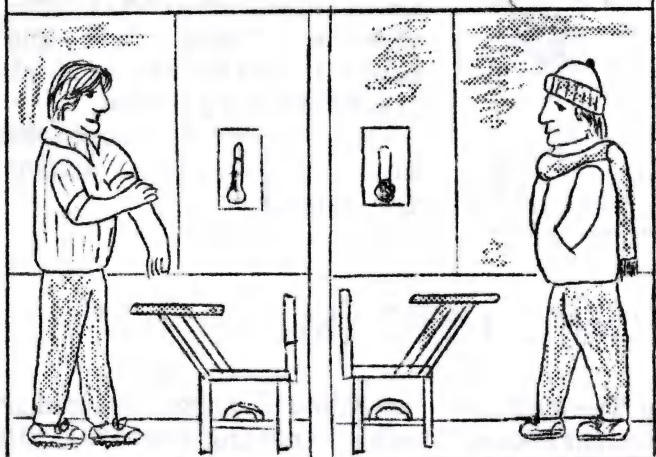
Jimmy was valedictorian at MHS in 1975.

Chris Connell, Howard Gaddis and Johnny Holsombeck represented Montevallo and Sherman Holland Ford in the District, Punt, Pass and Kick competition in Birmingham.

The Montevallo youngsters had to win competition Montevallo and Alabaster to advance to the District trials.



## 'Degrees' bring dilemma



## Class 'weather' varies

The temperature in almost every classroom is set by individual controls. Often students are left to the mercy of teachers who regulate the thermostats. Different rooms are different temperatures.

Excessive use of air-conditioning in summer and minimum use of heat in winter leaves many students cold throughout the year in some rooms.

A lack of air conditioning or too much heat causes other classes to be much too warm. Perhaps this problem could be solved with a regulation temperature for all classes.

## American flag would compete

Last year's flag corps showed itself worthy of a "superior" rating in the Ft. Walton Beach Marching Contest without an American flag. However, this year's group did not receive a rating at Troy State's competition as they did not display the Stars and Stripes.

Some judges will rate a color guard with or without an American flag, while others will not.

It seems sad that Old Glory cannot be added to the flag corps, not only for judging purposes, but also as an exhibit of the symbol of the school's patriotism.

After practicing long hours with the band, flag bearers, as well as those interested in the corps, would also like to know how they "measure up" just as members of the band and other auxiliary groups do.

It is greatly desired that future MHS flag corps will be given the privilege of displaying the "Colors."

## SC plans cut dance expenses

In this day of skyrocketing inflation, with money often wasted on frivolous things, it's good to know MHS students have learned to save.

Though homecoming is not designed as a moneymaking endeavor, the student council should not lose money on it as they have for the past two years when they engaged live bands.

This year's plans are to have a disc jockey to entertain and play different types of music.

The SPOTLIGHT staff applauds this action.

The practice of carrying sweaters and coats to some rooms and discarding them in others would be stopped. Everyone could dress comfortably and be ready for an hour's work in each class if they knew the temperature would be a uniform degree.

A decision by the MHS faculty on such a temperature would end this annoying problem.

## Welcome, alumni!

Since homecoming is for alumni, SPOTLIGHT would like to encourage students from past years to attend this annual event.

Present students should give all alumni a friendly welcome back to MHS.

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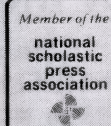
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1st Place



All American





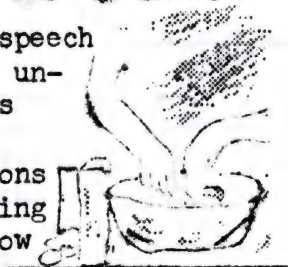
# Speakers tell 'How It's Done'

Students in Mrs. Barbara Belisle's speech and drama class were recently given an unusual assignment of teaching classmates "how to do something."

Presentations ranged from instructions on how to prepare food to ways of styling hair. Other demonstrations included how to write the alphabet, use sign language, and how to put on a sweater.

Others gave lessons on choosing a career, cleaning the kitchen, changing a tire, playing volleyball, improving one's ESP, using a steam cleaner and driving nails.

One of the most popular presentations was sophomore Clare Golson's "How to make cup cakes." Class members were permitted to judge the results.



# DJ is coming

Disc jockey Randy Archer of Birmingham will provide a light show and musical entertainment at the homecoming dance.

Mr. Archer has appeared at various schools around the county.

# Troubadours rate 'superior'

The Marching Troubadours received three superior ratings at the Southeastern States Marching Festival in Troy Oct. 7. Drum major Shawn Spicer and majorettes Leslee Belluchie, Kathie Kirkland, Karen Morris and Cindy Nash received excellent marks.

Before the trophies were awarded, the Troy State marching band gave an exhibition performance.

"We went to Troy to regain our reputation there after receiving lower ratings there two years ago, which we did," observes band director Jim Weese.

# Juniors study novel

Mrs. Barbara Belisle's 11th grade English classes have concluded a study of Stephen Crane's Civil War novel, The Red Badge of Courage.

"The book concerns individual emotional conflicts young people face today," Mrs. Belisle explains as her purpose for the selection.

For UM's "Spruce Up" Day--

# Five join cleaning effort

Senior Marla Abbott and juniors Genea Abbott, Linda Clark and Michelle Mayhall, along with Student Council sponsor W. D. Benton, participated in Spruce Up Day, Oct. 7.

According to Principal W. C. Corbett this group, and several study hall groups who aided on Friday cleaned up the entire MHS campus.

The purpose of Spruce Up Day was to ready the community for UM's annual Founders Day celebration held last week. The Chamber of Commerce, the city government and UM officials joined forces in the effort.



# 31 MHSers give

The American Red Cross recently conducted a blood drive at MHS. Thirty-one students donated a pint of blood each.

Fifteen other MHSers helped with typing forms and serving juice.

The last drive held in 1976 netted 32 pints of blood for the Red Cross.

# Class offers varied products for sale

The BOE department at Shelby County Vocational Center is selling Tom Watt products. Both junior and senior girls are involved in the campaign.

Available items include calendars, candles, photo collages, and childrens' toys. The photo collage, according to senior Teresa Alexander, has been the most popular item thus far.

Products range in price from 88¢ to \$5.95. Profits will be used to buy typewriters for the department.



Smell up the place--

## Chemists explore in lab

by Emily Steele

"How much of this yellow stuff do we need?" asked the first partner placing some of "it" on paper.

"That looks close enough," came the reply.

"Mr. Hermecz said not to heat it too much. Don't you think it's hot enough?"

These are typical comments one might hear upon entering the chemistry lab as students recently completed one of their first "official" experiments.

"Man, this junk stinks!" came the last decision.

The purpose of the experiment was to show the difference between a mixture and a compound according to chemistry teacher Jim Hermecz. However, most students simply thought it was "neat" when something to show these differences happened--like the yellow stuff (sulphur) and iron filings turning red in something that "had better not get on anyone."

The possible future chemists have also watched with a considerable amount of amazement acetamide and paradichlorobenzene liquify and crystalize.

In other words, even though these experiments were to learn fundamentals the students still had fun. (But don't tell Mr. Hermecz.)

## Tardies bring punishment

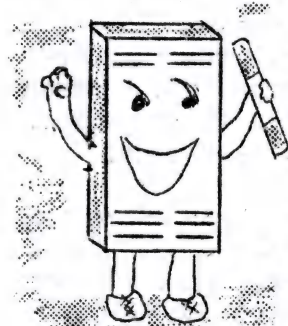
A new tardy policy is now in effect. According to the new provisions, after three tardies in one month, a student must take three days of suspension or six raps with a board.

Since the new policy began, the number of tardies has been reduced according to Principal W. C. Corbett.

"Only a little over half our students are ever tardy, and with the stiffer regulations, the problem should soon be eliminated," Mr. Corbett says.

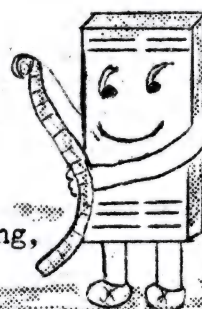
## Locker Laughs --

### Lee adds his own punch line



Summer's over;  
Winter's near;  
The homecoming game  
Is almost here!

The Bulldog spirit  
Is really hot,  
And jokes keep coming,  
Ready or not.



Junior Linda Clark and a male student at Shelby County Area Vocational School were working in the darkroom.

Guidance counselor Frances Anthony who was visiting that day opened the door and asked, "What are you two doing in here?"

"Developing," Linda replied.

World studies teacher Don Benton reports he caught a student in his 3rd period class cheating on an open-book test. "He had his book closed," explained Mr. Benton.

## Prep class reads 1946 Huxley work

College preparatory English students recently completed Aldous Huxley's Brave New World. The book describes Mr. Huxley's idea of life in the future.

"It is amazing how many of the things Mr. Huxley talked about in his book, published in 1946, are happening today," says senior Billy Brantley.

"I found the book very interesting," adds senior Monique VanLandingham.

While discussing the bubonic plague in Medieval Europe in class, Mrs. Anthony related a story of a student who once called it "blue bonnet" plague.

Senior Lee Clayton piped up with, "Yeah, they got it from eating butter."

On report card day Mrs. Anthony remarked to her class, "I believe you get your paychecks this afternoon at 2:10 for the first six weeks."

Kevin Hughes quickly quipped, "Well, I believe I'm going to get cut a lot this time."



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--To tie up area program--

## Hunters unpack

Hunting season for four species of small game opened last Saturday.

Squirrel, rabbit, opossum and racoon seasons began. However the season for squirrel is only open to 18 northern counties. It begins Oct. 25 in Shelby.

The bag limit for rabbits and squirrels is 8 per day and one for raccoon. There is no limit for opossum.

## Montevollo tops Winterboro

"IT WAS JUST A TREMENDOUS TEAM EFFORT," Coach Richard Gilliam beamed as his Bulldogs posted a convincing win over the Winterboro Bulldogs Oct. 13 at Montevollo. This game threw the area race for the playoffs into a 3-way tie with MHS, Vincent and Winterboro all sporting 3-1 marks in area play.

### Purnell scores

Montevollo drove the opening kickoff 59 yards to take the lead. Sam Purnell carried it across from 12 yards out, and Buddy Holsombeck added the PAT.

Defenses battled throughout the second quarter to leave the score 7-0 at halftime.

### Hughes goes in

After a 44-yd. pass from Kevin Hughes to Jerome Tolbert put Montevollo on the 20, the Bulldogs punched it in again with Hughes keeping on the last 10 yards. Holsombeck kicked true again for a 14-0 count.

### Eddleman catches TD

To up the score to 21-0 Hughes found Marty Eddleman in the endzone with an 11-yd. strike and Holsombeck kicked true again.

Late in the final period, Winterboro drove 65 yards and big Carey Mizell went in from the 3.

Coach Gilliam praised Kelvin Lilly, Paul Russell and Jerome Tolbert for defensive play.

## Jackets slip by Bulldogs

by Ronnie Holsombeck

Six MHS turnovers (two furnished instant touchdowns for the 'Jackets) gave Vincent the momentum to come from behind and squeak by MHS 21-20 at Montevollo Oct. 6.

Sam Purnell ran 37 yards for one TD and quarterback Kevin Hughes darted into the end zone from 9 yards out to give the 'Dogs a quick lead in the first period. Buddy Holsombeck added two PATs for the 14-0 count.

### Fumble sets up TD

Midway in the second quarter, seven plays after the 'Jackets recovered a Bulldog fumble on MHS's 33, Jimmy Womack went across from the 2-yd. line. Mike Richey kicked the PAT, and at halftime Montevollo led 14-7.

After a scoreless third period, lightning struck the Bulldogs twice in the final quarter.

### Disaster hits 'Dogs

Vincent's David Brasher scooped a Bulldog miscue on the 43 and ran it in; and less than a minute later, Womack picked up another on the 29 and scored.

Richey kicked both PATs to put Vincent ahead 21-14.

Hope returned to MHS fans when Hughes threw 26 yards to Jerome Tolbert for a final TD.

But on an attempt for a fake-kick pass conversion, Hughes was nailed; and Vincent held on for the final four minutes for the big area upset.

In co-ed phys ed--

## Classes study tennis skills

Physical education students are involved in a sport which has not been taught at MHS recently. Coach Sammy Skinner and Coach Kurt Pnazek are instructing MHSers on the fundamentals of tennis. They are practicing on the forehand stroke in the Susie DeMent Gym.

Students not enrolled in tennis are being taught archery by Coach Dot Bishop. These students are aiming at targets on MHS's front campus.

All classes have been divided into two co-educational group and will rotate sports, participating in each unit--tennis and archery--for three weeks.

"I have really enjoyed working with the mixed groups," Coach Bishop commented. "Splitting the classes has worked very well thus far."



**Bulldog Grows--**

## Brother Acton enhances sport

by Kevin Hughes

For the past three years MHS football teams have enjoyed a new dimension in their game day activities.



Rev. Larry Acton has served as official team chaplain for the Bulldogs.

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A former pastor of Spring Creek Presbyterian Church, Brother Acton now heads the Shelby County Youth Aid Bureau.

Combining spirit, pep, and a message, Brother Acton speaks with the team every Friday and helps provide special speakers for the Bulldogs.

He has a unique ability of relating with young people and in particular, athletes. It is very rewarding for football players and all MHSers who are in contact with Mr. Acton to know that someone of his ability is willing to give so freely of himself.

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## Basketball coach sets drills

MHS basketball begins Monday at 5:30 p.m. when the roundballers hold their first practice. The season opener comes as the Bulldogs participate in the UM Classic Nov. 18. Coach Kurt Pnazeck says the goals are for a 20-win season and a repeat as county champions.

"I hope the players are as conscious as I am that we'll have to work hard to reach the goals," Coach says.

Before Christmas the Bulldogs play: Nov. 21, Holy Family (T); Nov. 28, Jemison (H); Dec. 1, Marion (T); Dec. 12, Bibb County (H); and Dec. 15, Thompson (T). They will also play in the Mid-State Tourney at Childersburg Dec. 5-8.



### AND THE WINNERS ARE . . .

Members of MHS's championship volleyball squad are (1st row, l-r) Mgr. Debra Cain, Jennifer Rutledge, Valerie Anderson, Leticia Gaddis, Sheila Goode, Cathy Holmes, Vicki Crowson, Coach Dot Bishop. (Back) Tanya Staffney, Phyllis Conwell, Debra Tyus, Fredia Thrift, Angela Russell, Pearl Rutledge, Teresa Tyus, Ophelia Hudson.

### --In volleyball meet at Pelham--

## Lady 'Dogs win county crown

by Janet Hicks

Once again the Lady Bulldogs are county volleyball champions. They won the title at the tournament at Pelham High School last Saturday claiming the championship a fourth consecutive year.

In addition, three MHSers were selected by the coaches for an all-county squad. They are senior Phyllis Conwell, sophomore Shelia Goode and junior Fredia Thrift. Junior Valerie Anderson and sophomore Teresa Chism received honorable mention.

In the 'Dogs first match of the meet, they downed Vincent 15-1 and 15-2 as Valerie and Fredia led the scoring.

MHS's squad then went against Thompson.

The Warriors took the 'Dogs 15-13 in the first game of the match, but MHS came back strong to win the last two games 15-3 and 15-6.

In a final bid for the crown, the 'Dogs played Thompson once again in a three-game battle, winning decisively 15-2, 15-4 and 15-10.



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West Blocton is homecoming foe--

## County match set for tonight

TONIGHT THE BULLDOGS TRAVEL to Calera to face the Eagles, a strong force in the battle for the county title. "They are the most improved team over-all in the county and could be the best. They have scored over 50 points in their last three games," says Coach Richard Gilliam, "and are ranked among the top ten in their class (1A) in the state."

Both teams are highly motivated for the game as Coach Gilliam is a former Eagle Coach and the Calera mentor has been both student and coach under Mr. Gilliam.

The following week the West Blocton Tigers, remembering their 27-2 loss to the 'Dogs last year, come to town for MHS's homecoming opposition.

Coach Gilliam says he doesn't "know much about the Tigers except that they hold a 1-6-1 record."

## MHS to host area tourney

The Bulldog volleyball county champs will host the Area 7 Tournament Oct. 27 in MHS's Susie DeMent Gymnasium. Coach Dot Bishop says some of the games will be played at Montevallo Middle School also.

Teams participating in the one-day meet are Chelsea, MHS, Vincent, Talladega County Training and Winterboro.

Area winners advance to Region playoff on Oct. 31. Site of the region meet will be determined after area champs are decided.

State finals will be held at Jacksonville State on Nov. 4 and 5.

## Bulldog coach walks 'alone'

Coach Richard Gilliam is now walking without a cast or splint. The last bandage was removed Oct. 9 from the injury received in the season opener.

According to Mr. Gilliam he has a therapy program for his knee and exercises to strengthen his ankle.

Even though he says he feels it will take several months to get his knee back to normal, Mr. Gilliam reports he is "trying to stay off the crutch."

"I keep one (crutch) ready here (at school) and one in the truck," he says. "Maybe I won't need it."

## Freshmen, seniors win with spirit

Varsity cheerleaders have continued to present the spirit stick at pep rallies this year.

The freshmen earned the award for the first time Sept. 29. The following week produced two winners, freshmen and seniors.

"Spirit is so good it is difficult to decide which class really does contribute most to the pep rallies," beams head cheerleader Jan Gauntt.

"Every week the spirit seems to grow," she adds.

## Squad ends sale

Track team members concluded their "stocking-cap" sale last Friday after they recorded 254 orders according to track coach Kurt Pnazek.

Profits from the sale will be used to buy track suits and warmups and help with other expenses of the sport.

The caps should arrive in about three weeks.

## Fans claim kin to Dodger shortstop

by Glenn Anthony

The Los Angeles Dodgers have two big fans at Montevallo High in junior Paul Russell and sophomore Angela Russell. Paul and Angela are distant cousins of the Dodger shortstop Bill Russell.

Although they have never met the all-star player, Paul and Angela have kept up with his career, especially during the recent World Series.

Paul is following in his "cousin's" footsteps in his love for baseball. He was a pitcher at Charlotte High in Punta Gorda, Fla., last year before he transferred to MHS this fall. He plays on the Bulldog football team and is looking forward to baseball season when he can once again "take the mound."



Neighbor Notes--

# MMS plans fundraiser

Montevallo Middle School's annual Fall Festival is scheduled for Oct. 27 according to school secretary Jane Jones. The "fun time" for MMS students will be from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. It is designed to raise funds from various booths and attractions.



MMS's Exploratory Program is underway with classes offered in macrame, arts and crafts, journalism, drama and card games. The 45-minute classes run six weeks and then change, allowing students to sample several courses during the year.

The Shelby County Board of Education voted to fund MMS with \$1,800 to replace items damaged in a recent vandalism attack.

The money will help buy an opaque projector and improve library floors.

## Kindergartens to get supplies

Montevallo Elementary School's kindergarten teachers recently placed orders for class furnishings--tables, chairs and blocks.

Money to purchase these items is being raised by Montevallo PTA.

In addition, donations have been made by the Lions Club and various citizens of Montevallo.

The school needs a total of \$500 to match the county and state funds allocated for the project according to Principal Doris Jeter who adds that they have already raised \$355.

The MES faculty is currently involved in a self-study for the Five Year Interim Review by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

## '79ers hear speakers

Seniors have had two visitors recently.

Last week Mr. Larry Peevy of the University of Montevallo spoke to the class about UM.

Wednesday a representative of the University of South Alabama talked with those interested in the Mobile college.

## For Homecoming celebration--

## Fun days will show spirit

MHS's 1978 Spirit Days will begin Wednesday as students participate in "Hair Day" by fixing their hair in unusual ways which they would not normally wear to school.

"Grease Day," which is taken from the popular motion picture "Grease," starring John Travolta and Olivia Newton John, will give students a chance to wear their 50's outfits on Thursday.

On Friday MHSers will dress up in school colors to show their spirit for "Orange and Blue Day."

"We hope that everyone will participate in the activities planned for the three days," comments committee chairman Leslee Belluchie. "However, students should remember that the school code is still in effect," she adds.

## Ag group, NHS sell candy bars

Two candy sales are now underway at MHS as ag students and honor society members become salesmen.

Agribusiness classes are offering Chocolate Almond bars and Chocolate Crunch to raise money for new equipment for the ag shop. The candy, which sells for 60¢ a bar, is made by Southern Candy Co.

The National Honor Society is also offering chocolate bars.

This group received 48 cases of candy from Bike's Candy Co. The bars sell for 50¢ each and can be obtained from any honor society member during the break.

Profits go toward "more color in the yearbook."



## Club elects

At the first meeting of Spanish club, officers elected were: Todd Austin, president; Kathie Kirkland, vice president; Robyn Perkins, secretary-treasurer. Committees for the year's activities were also named.



For Jr. Miss pageant—

## 4 seniors attend tea

Seniors Rene Davis, Janet Hicks, Karen Morris, and Emily Steele represented MHS at a meeting Oct. 15 for girls interested in the 1978 Junior Miss Pageant.

Earlier all MHS senior girls attended an assembly to acquaint them with the program. They and all 12th grade girls from Shelby County were invited to a tea at Pelham City Hall.

Members of Cahaba Valley JC's and the current title holder D'Andrea Cardon answered questions and explained the upcoming pageant.

Girls planning to enter must attend practice sessions held at Shelby County High Nov. 6 through Nov. 16. The pageant itself is set for Nov. 16 and 17.

Entries will be evaluated by five out-of-county judges on scholastic ability, youth fitness, poise and appearance, creative and performing arts presentation and an interview

with the judges.

Scholarships will be awarded to all preliminary winners. The girl named Shelby County Junior Miss will also earn scholarships and will continue competing at state and possibly national levels.

Program director John Douglas emphasizes that Junior Miss is a nationwide scholastic program rather than a beauty pageant.

Monday, Oct. 23, is the last day to register.

## Classes sell mums

Homecoming mums can now be ordered from Journalism I and II students. They feature the school colors and will be delivered to MHS on homecoming day. The price is \$3.50.

Other corsages are also available. They are single carnations \$4, double carnations \$5 and roses \$9.

"Students can order any colors with these," says teacher Cathy Bearden.

MHS boutonnieres are \$1.75; rose ones, \$3.

## FHA attends fair

Last Tuesday 67 FHA members went to the Alabama State Fair.

The group was chaperoned by home economics teachers Junnie Craig and Rose Ellen Hankins.

The MHS students viewed various FHA projects and received some free time for "fun" activities.

"The girls enjoyed the trip. It was educational as well as enjoyable," says Mrs. Craig.

## Troubadours join action

Montevallo's Marching Troubadours took part in two events last Saturday.

The band helped Montevallo's volunteer fire department observe National Fire Prevention Week by marching in the firemen's parade at 10 a.m.

The Troubadours played several selections from their halftime show in the procession from the high school through Main Street.

A second performance was given by the Troubadours at 7:30 that evening when Thompson High hosted the annual Band Jamboree.

The presentation featured performance by bands from Calera, Chelsea, Jemison, Montevallo, Pelham, Shelby Academy, Shelby County, and Thompson High School.

## CST to resume

An hour will be added to the day Oct. 29 as a switch is made from Daylight Saving Time to Central Standard Time.

The change will occur Sunday morning, Oct. 29.

## Teaches study at Calera school

MHS faculty members attended an in-service meeting at Calera High School Oct. 5.

Teachers were divided into groups relating to the subjects they teach. Each group was headed by a consultant from the State Department of Education.

According to college preparatory English teacher Frances Anthony the purpose of the meeting was "to improve the teacher-learning situation and keep teachers better informed."



Two time winner--

# Davis receives honors

Senior Rene Davis, president of Montevallo High School's National Honor Society, received two honors in one week. She was named as DAR's good citizen and selected to represent MHS in a scholarship contest.

Seniors nominated classmates for the DAR honor on the basis of dependability, service and patriotism. The faculty then ranked the top three nominees. Emily Steele was runnerup for the title.

Rene is also winner of the MHS Century III Leaders Scholarship Contest. She will now compete for state honors with other Alabama high school seniors.

State winners will attend a conference in Williamsburg, VA, where a \$10,000 national scholarship will be awarded.

Senior Glenn Anthony, MHS's Century III alternate, will also have a chance to try for a scholarship in the program.

## PTA plans project

The PTA is compiling a 1978 edition of the Montevallo Telephone Directory. Distribution is scheduled for December.

The books will be sold in local stores and by PTA members for \$1.50.

According to vice president Hilda VanLandingham this is the organization's largest fund-raising project of the year.

## MHS will observe Veterans Day

Shelby County's schools will not be in session next Friday due to the nation's observance of Veterans Day. Since the national holiday falls on Saturday this year, classes will not be held on the day before.

After a three-day break classes at Montevallo High will resume on Monday, Nov. 14, at 8 a.m.



### STUDYING THE SITUATION

Good Citizen Rene Davis and homecoming queen Ann Frye (l-r) look over their busy schedules.

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All the way!

NSPA  
All-American

By Band Boosters--

## Big day set for tomorrow

OPERATION: BAND-AID festivities begin tomorrow at 10 a.m. in Orr Park. The special day of fun which continues until 4 p.m. will benefit MHS's Troubadours.

Special features of the fund raising project are live entertainment, prize raffles, auctions, a carnival, barbecue, arts and crafts and "Central Alabama's largest garage sale."

Mr. Frank McCoy, UM's art department chairman and father of tuba player Kevin McCoy, heads this project which is sponsored by the Band Boosters.

The group hopes to earn enough money to buy new instruments and uniforms as well as supplying the annual operating budget.



## Senior girls enter pageant

Three MHS seniors will be contestants in the Shelby County Junior Miss Pageant Nov. 17-18. Kathy Crowe, Jean Lancaster and Karen Morris will compete with girls from other county schools in scholarship, talent, poise and personality, fitness and interview categories.

Nightly rehearsals begin Nov. 6 for the pageant which includes a group performance in the form of a dance routine as well as individual presentations.

In the talent portion Kathy plans to use a sign language interpretation of a popular reading.

Jean will read "I'm only 17" in dramatic monologue, and Karen will sing "Can't Help Lovin' 'Dat Man," from "Showboat."

## 2 more practice

In addition to the eight student teachers listed in the last issue of SPOTLIGHT, two have been added to the music department.

They are Mr. Joe Terry and Miss Mary Stark from the University of Montevallo.

"They will be assisting in band techniques and helping direct the concert band," says director James Weese.

## Chorus to entertain

MHS's 15-member girls chorus, directed by Glinda Godwin, will perform Sunday at the First United Methodist Church of Montevallo at 1:30 p.m.

The group will present three songs: "I Wish You All Could Know Him," "God Is" and "Sing." The latter was written by Mr. Ed Robertson of Montevallo.

Sophomore Kathie Kirkland and senior Karen Morris will have solos.

## Reports are due

Students have only four more days to bring up their grade averages as the second six weeks grading period ends next Thursday.

Report cards will be given out on Friday of the following week, Nov. 17.

## Tennis added

A new extra-curricular activity has been added to MHS's program. Sam Slatsky, a PE major at the University of Montevallo, will coach a tennis team.

Mr. Slatsky has been on the UM tennis team for four years but did not try out this year in order to establish a team at MHS.

According to team captain Cliff Anderson 72 students signed up for the activity.

The best six male and female players will now be chosen for the team by Mr. Slatsky.

## It's News Downtown--

### Shops open extra hours

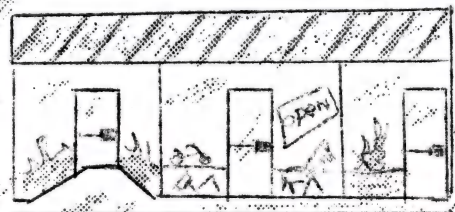
Many Montevallo stores will now keep their doors open on the regular Wednesday off-day until the Christmas holidays.

This decision made by the merchants will give customers more time to do their holiday shopping according to clerk Sarah Winslett at Lacy's Jewelry and Gifts.

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Carson and Barnes three ring circus will give two performances in Montevallo today. Animals from all parts of the world, clowns, horses and "freaky phenomena" will furnish the entertainment.

Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$2, children. The shows begin at 5:00 and 8:00 at Orr Park.



Governor George C. Wallace handed down a "no outdoor burning" order for all of Shelby County Oct. 29. The restriction was issued due to the extremely dry weather in the county and the surrounding areas.

According to Montevallo Chief of Police Troy Kirkland, the order will be enforced until Gov. Wallace calls it back.

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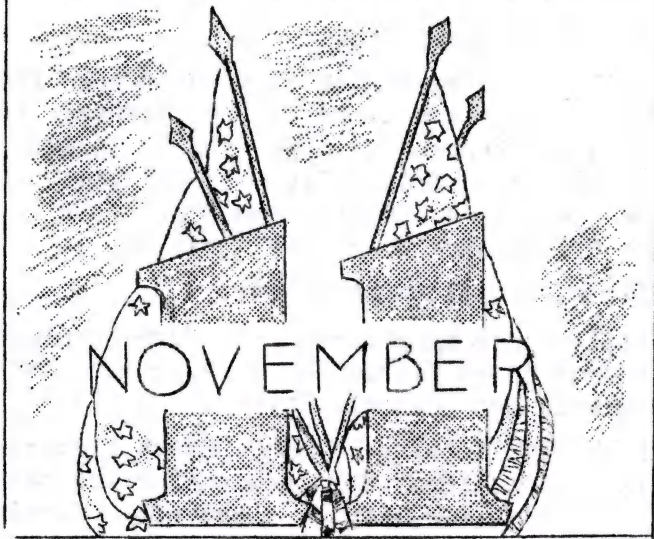
University of Montevallo students recently named College Night leaders for 1978-79.

Representing the Golds are Patricia Corbett (MHS '75) and Butch Belcher.

Sharon Parks and Mike Dillard head the Purples.



## Time to remember!



## Citizens urged to vote

All 18 year old students who are registered to vote need to do so in the Nov. 7 state election.

Citizens will not have another opportunity to state their choices on these positions for another four years, so eligible voters should study the candidates and issues and take advantage of their right to express their views at the polls next Tuesday.

In addition to looking at their candidates and the platforms presented, all voters might also review candidates' parties since several less prominent ones will be listed on the ballot.

## Students leave rallies early

Pep rallies at MHS are to boost students' spirit for the Friday night games. The spirit at the beginning of the pep sessions is fantastic, but it dies down near the end and students start leaving the gym before the period is over.

Even though the bell is not heard in the gymnasium, the cheerleaders will let everyone know when it is time to go.

No one would miss the buses or be late for other rides, so students should stay to the end of today's rally--the last one of the regular football season--and a really big one!

## All could participate

School activities add enjoyment to high school days, but when students are denied these activities because of other school projects the fun is not there.

For example, last Friday when the Area Volleyball Tournament was taking place vocational students were still in class while other MHS students were dismissed to see their team play for the championship.

Students from other county schools who attend the Area Vocational Center did not even go to the Center on their homecoming day due to the various activities at their schools. So it is not unusual for a group to leave the Center when others do not.

Most vocational students would like to attend such events as the volleyball game just as other MHSers do.

...Kevin Lawley

## MHS recognizes national holiday

Nov. 11 is a day set aside to honor veterans. It was originally called Armistice Day, after the signing of an armistice on Nov. 11, 1918, after World War I.

Later, it was renamed for all those who have served the U. S. with military service.

Montevallo High salutes all veterans on this day.

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## MHSers choose Ann as queen

Senior Ann Frye, an MHS cheerleader for the past three years, reigned as Homecoming Queen Friday as the Bulldogs defeated West Blocton 12-0.

Escorted by her brother John, Ann received the crown from last year's queen Nan Jones during a pregame ceremony featuring the Troubadours.

Besides serving this year as a cheerleader, Ann is a member of the dramatics club and Student Council.

### Royal court

Members of the homecoming court were senior Phyllis Conwell, junior Sherrell Cathey, sophomore Daena Harrison and freshman Missie Harrison.

The queen and attendants were elected by popular vote of the students.

### Disco dance

"Stairway to Heaven" was the theme of the homecoming dance which featured the queen and court in a leadout. Music was provided by The Express Disco.

"The \$300 proceeds from the dance will go to defray homecoming expenses," SC advisor Don Benton says.

## Editors treat with coke party

Seniors who have donated \$5 toward a colored senior section in the yearbook were treated to a coke party sponsored by MONTALA editors last Wednesday.

Business manager Janet Hicks explained that the yearbook staff has a candy sale underway to match funds for the \$800 project.

If the seniors' portraits do appear in color, it will be the first time in the book's history according to sponsor Frances Anthony.

## Pictures tell the story

(Photos by Janet Hicks)

HOMECOMING ACTIVITIES presented many occasions for pictures. Shown on Page 5 are some of the scenes in and around MHS during homecoming week which included Hair Day, Fifties Day, and Color Day, along with the coronation of the queen at a special band show prior to the football game and a dance on Friday night.

Identification of the pictures follows:

(1) MHS ROYALTY--Homecoming Queen Ann Frye (center) poses with attendants (l-r) Missie Harrison, Daena Harrison, Phyllis Conwell and Sharrell Cathey.

(2) EVERYONE READY? Getting in some extra practice for their special "Light Show" for homecoming are band director Jim Weese and (l-r) Taylor Lawrence, Curtis Peoples, Gloria Williams, Anna Lott and Karen Morris.

(3) QUEEN FOR A DAY--Cheerleader Ann Frye who was elected Homecoming Queen, takes a moment to rest during the special activities.

(4) GREASE IS THE WORD--Even the faculty got in the act on Fifties Day as faculty members Delilah Robinson, Danny Goggins and Jim Hermecz join the fun.

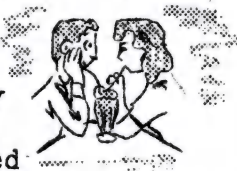
(5) ALL SET?-- Chairman of the ballgame (?) Coach Richard Gilliam checks on homecoming activities with the committee chairman Leslie Belluchie.

(6) RIBBONS FOR SALE-- Cheerleaders Lisa Edwards, Debbie Kunkel, Belinda Morris and Beverly Lilly sell spirit ribbons along with Bulldog pins as one way of building spirit.

(7) FIFTIES DAY-- Showing their spirit are five freshmen (l-r) Sammy Nix, Beth Hughes, Missie Harrison, Krislin Stewart and Dennis Beers.

(8) SETTING THE STAGE-- Gay Perkins, Linda Clark, Mrs. Barbara Belisle and Lynn Sawyer hoist decorations to wall in preparation for the dance.

(9) LET ME FIX THIS CURL--Teacher Don Benton arranges sophomore David Melsoni's "hair-do" on HC Hair Day.





# Everybody joins in Homecoming fun



(Pictures identified p. 4)



More than just a schoolmaster--

## Principal wears many hats

Besides serving as "head man" at MHS, Principal W.C. Corbett holds numerous positions related to the school, community and school.

Mr. Corbett, who has been principal for 10 years, gained statewide recognition in 1970 as an "Outstanding Personality of the South," and is presently a member of the Alabama High School Athletic Association Legislative Council.

### Teaches at UM

At the University of Montevallo, he is assistant professor for the College of Education Graduate Program (summer), a position he has held since 1971.

For the past ten years Mr. Corbett has also directed MHS's summer school program, which is sponsored by UM.

### Heads rec board

The administrator presently serves as chairman of Montevallo Parks and Recreation Board, president of Shelby County Secondary School Principals and secretary/treasurer of the Fifth District Athletic Board.

He is also treasurer of Shelby County Education Association and a member of Founders' Day, Inauguration, Palmer Hall Restoration and College Awards

## Math club elects

Officers for the 1978-79 math club were selected at the group's first meeting Oct. 17.

Seniors Glenn Anthony, Rene Davis and Emily Steele will serve as president, secretary-treasurer and vice president respectively. Math teacher Doug Morris is sponsor.

According to Rene the 18-member group also discussed plans for several field trips and tournament participation.

Committees at the University of Montevallo.

He is also a member of the board of governors of American Education Insurance Company and Kappa Phi Kappa.

## Class studies leaders

Democracy classes took on a new dimension when teacher George Lilly added a unit on American presidents.

The classes studied biographical sketches of the 39 presidents. Various students also presented reports on them.

Senior Monique VanLandingham found the unit "interesting and worthwhile."

## Alumni earn national honor

Three MHS graduates, Tricia Corbett, Kim Hollon and James Salter have been named among the country's most outstanding campus leaders.

According to University of Montevallo associate dean of student affairs James Wilkinson they are among the 27 UM students chosen this year for Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Election to the honor is based on achievement in academic subjects, service to the school and community, leadership in activities and future potential.

## Teachers plan to relate math to other fields

Math teachers of Shelby County are working on a countywide math project. They held an organizational meeting at the Area Vocational Center Oct. 11.

Home economics teacher Rose Ellen Hankins and math teachers Jim Hermecz and Doug Morris represented MHS at the meeting.

### Work out units

The project is designed to help math teachers plan units around other educational subjects.

According to Mr. Morris Montevallo's plan is to use home management subjects to teach consumer related math.

### Test in field

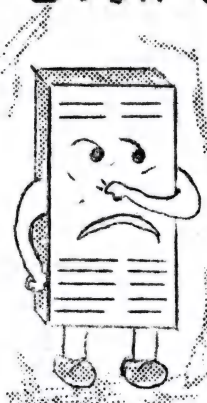
In order to be used in classrooms, the unit packets must go through a period of development, field testing and final drafting.

Last year's math packet was based on the masonry vocation.

Mr. Hermecz reports that he, Mrs. Hankins and Mr. Morris meet every Monday night for four hours to work on the project.



# Even best friends won't tell



The football season's  
Nearly past;  
And basketball time's  
Here at last.

Holidays are near  
And reports are due  
And jokers keep students  
From getting blue!

Seniors Kathy Hegwood and Ann Frye were sitting at lunch. Ann, noticing that no one was sitting near them asked, "Why is everyone sitting down at that end of the table?"

Kathy replied, "I don't know, but I sprayed!"

In fourth period democracy instructor George Lilly told students a huge number of people were killed after the atomic bomb was dropped.

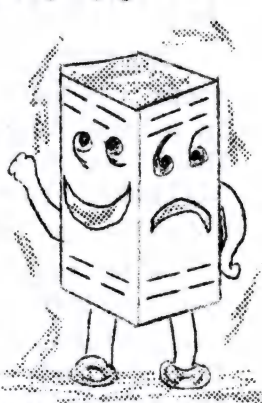
Senior Lee Clayton commented, "That's what you call population explosion."

When senior Glenn Anthony was asked, "What do you think of two-faced people?" he answered, "It depends on what they look like."

## Tryouts are set

Dramatics club sponsor Barbara Belisle announces that tryouts will begin Tuesday for a Christmas play, "He Who Walks in Love," by E. B. Hellier.

Club officers are Stark Harbour, president; Phyllis Conwell, vice president; Debra Jones, secretary; and Beth Rochester, treasurer. Lynn Sawyer is program director.



During fifth period algebra class teacher Doug Morris said he wasn't in a good mood. He explained the reason for this was that he and his wife had a fight, adding, "She is the 'awfullest' hair pulling woman!"

Looking at Mr. Morris's hair, freshman Paul Spicer shouted, "She must have had a head start!"

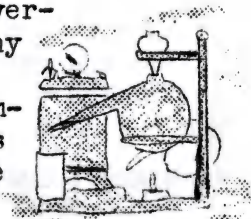
At U of A, Tuscaloosa--

## Class sees 'neat' lab work

by Emily Steele

Twelve MHS chemistry students, along with instructor Jim Hermecz, visited the University of Alabama Oct. 18. Dr. Mike Murphy served as "tour guide" for the group.

The students' first "mean gizzmo" demonstration, conducted by Dr. Murphy, was viewed as being "really neat" as voltage in a tesla coil became high enough to burn paper.



Quite a bit of excitement was again produced when a piece of rubber tubing was placed in liquid nitrogen, which boils at room temperature. The tubing broke against the table when it was removed from the liquid.

At this point, members of the group not already wearing glasses were issued safety glasses before they entered any of the labs.

The students then visited the organic chemistry and freshmen labs and viewed a mass spectrometer and an infrared (IR) spectrometer.

The MHSers also visited the Alabama Museum of Natural History, Geology and Geography on the Tuscaloosa campus.

## Clock intrudes in sweet dreams

by Kevin Hughes

"Spring forward; fall back." That's the saying about changing from standard to daylight saving time. That's what we did last Sunday. But here's what happened to me!

"Boy, I get an extra hour's sleep in the morning. I've waited for this hour a whole year."

Yeah, I wish there were some way I could know how much I was going to enjoy it. Well, anyway, I do know I'll be getting it; so, I'm going to hit the hay."

"Rinnnnnnng!" "Oh, no, I forgot to set my alarm clock back last night."



Bulldog Growls--4 times in a row--

# MHS records winning slate

by Kevin Hughes  
Tonight MHS  
ends the regu-  
lar football  
season playing  
area foe Talla-  
dega County  
Training School.



For the first time in four years the 'Dogs have failed to clinch the area title prior to the final game, but hope is still alive for state playoffs.

MHS has a chance at a three-way area tie with Vincent and Winterboro.

Should all three win tonight, a tie-breaking system, handled by a computer in Montgomery, will decide Area 7's winner. The result will not be known until late tonight or early tomorrow.

Whether the 'Dogs pull it out and return to the playoffs is important, but if they don't, Coach Richard Gilliam and the team would still post a winning season and should be congratulated for upholding MHS's winning tradition.

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## TCTS game tonight is big one

by Kenneth Bell

MHS takes to the road to end the regular football season tonight as the Talladega County Training School Tigers host the Bulldogs.

Montevallo manhandled the Tigers 38-8 last season but will have to give them a lot more respect this year. "They have a sound defense and a very good quarterback," notes Coach Richard Gilliam as he points to TCTS's record of 2-6, with their worse loss being by only 8 points.

This last game is a must-win if the 'Dogs look for any chance at a state playoff berth.

# Errors open door to victory

MONTEVALLO CAPITALIZED on some early Calera turnovers and hung tough on defense to claim a 21-6 victory in a hard fought battle at Calera's Oliver Park Oct. 20. This was the fourth straight year for Coach Richard Gilliam's charges to defeat those of his former player and assistant coach Ricky Cairns.

With just under a minute gone in the first quarter, the Bulldogs were ahead 7-0. Larry Holmes recovered a Calera fumble on the Eagle 38, and on the first play from scrimmage quarterback Kevin Hughes passed to Jerome Tolbert for the TD. Buddy Holsombeck added the PAT.

### Defense, name of game

Defense claimed the rest of the first half with neither team threatening.

Calera's points came in the third period after an MHS fumble on their 39.

Gary Smith went over from the one. The try for a two-point conversion was knocked down in the end zone by Marty Eddleman.

### Hughes to Eddleman

Less than a minute later, the Bulldogs lit the scoreboard a second time when Hughes went in from 10 yards out, then passed to Eddleman for the PAT.

Kelvin Lilly set up the score with a pass interception inside MHS's 30.

Big fullback Sam Purnell streaked 37 yards for six more points for the Bulldogs with only 28 seconds remaining in the game.

### Statistics

	<u>MHS</u>	<u>CHS</u>
1st downs	7	11
Yds. rsh.	130	107
Yds. pass.	113	42
Passes	5-6-0	3-13-2
Punts	7-41	6-36

In averaging 41 yards per punt, Eddleman had one 54-yd. kick. Hughes connected on five of six aerals with Tolbert catching four of them and one TD.



# Girls go to State

by Janet Hicks

Montevallo's volleyball team, coached by phys ed teacher Dot Bishop, is representing Region 4 in the state playoffs at Jacksonville State University today and tomorrow. The girls won the right to make this third straight appearance in state competition by winning Area 7 and Region 4 titles earlier.

Coach Bishop says, "We have a better chance than we had last year since our talent is more evenly distributed and not centered on just a few players."

## Host Area meet

The Bulldogs earned the Area 7 title as they hosted the tournament Oct. 28, defeating Talladega County Training School 15-0, 15-3 in the final round.

Sophomore Valerie Anderson, later named all-tournament, led MHS in scoring.

## Chelsea falls

After drawing a bye in the first round the 'Dogs beat Chelsea 15-3, 15-3 in the semi-final match.

Principal W. C. Corbett, coordinator of the meet, presented the first and second place trophies to the winners. Second place went to TCTS.

MHS beat Lincoln Tuesday at Lincoln 15-7, 15-7, for the Region 4 title.

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## Basketball fans get good news

by Earl Hayes

With football season coming to an end, MHSers are thinking toward the next sport on the calendar--basketball. Practice began for the roundballers last Monday.

After only two days of drills Coach Kurt Pnazeck says, "The fellows show great promise with 14 players practicing and 6 more to come from the football team, the squad should shape up into the kind of team everyone has come to expect at Montevallo High."



## ECSTASY OF VICTORY!

Senior Phyllis Conwell accepts Area 7 volleyball trophy from Principal W.C. Corbett.

## MHS 12; West Blocton 0--

# Bulldogs blank Blocton

Homecoming fans watched Montevallo gather its sixth win of the season against three losses and keep State Playoff hopes alive as the Bulldogs downed West Blocton 12-0.

Coach Richard Gilliam praised the Bulldog defense for their efforts in allowing the Tigers only 100 yards in the shutout victory. He named Lee Clayton, Marty Eddleman, Larry Holmes and Jerome Tolbert as standouts.

## Hughes to Holmes for 6

Capping a 64-yd. drive, quarterback Kevin Hughes hit wide-out Holmes with a 6-yd. strike for the Bulldogs' first score with only 1:55 left in the first quarter.

The touchdown pass was the thirteenth of the season for Hughes. He has completed at least one in every game thus far this season.

The rest of the night belonged to the defenses until late in the final period when Sam Purnell ended a 60-yd. drive with a 2-yd. touchdown plunge for the 12-0 win.

## Green leads

Tailback Edd Green led Montevallo on offense with 74 yards in 15 carries.

## Statistics

	MHS	WBHS
1st downs	15	7
Yds. rushing	224	108
Punt avg.	4-45	7-33



Neighbor Notes--

## MMS celebrates fall festival

Allen Bice and Michelle Kelly were crowned Montevallo Middle School King and Queen last Friday. Each collected over \$100 to earn the title. Both received I.D. bracelets from the school; Michelle also received roses. Students were dismissed from classes after lunch to participate in the school's annual fall festival, over which Allen and Michelle reigned.

Profits of \$1,000 from the project will be used for school improvements according to school secretary Jane Jones.

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Montevallo Middle School was evacuated recently as gas leaks were discovered in the building.

During a routine gas check the leaks were found and classes were dismissed for three hours. The entire school was without gas for two weeks following the check according to secretary Jane Jones.

Gas was first restored to the lunchroom and it was several days before classrooms were heated.

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Two teachers have been added to the Montevallo Elementary School faculty.

Mrs. Carol Buttell, a graduate of Florida University, teaches parttime as a learning center specialist; and Ms. Linda Cicero instructs phys ed. Ms. Cicero, a UM graduate, has been employed with the State Department of Education as Health and Phys Ed consultant.

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MES faculty attended a county in-service meeting at Columbiana yesterday.

Mrs. Rebecca Draper of the county central office headed the program where committee reports were given on the self-study for Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

## Run is set for Nov. 18

MHS "joggers" and local "pacesetters" have an opportunity to compete with two of America's best distance runners in the Birmingham News' Vulcan Run Nov. 18. The racing will begin at 10:00.

The 10,000 meter run sponsored by the Birmingham News and Birmingham Track Club, starts from Woodrow Wilson Park, (20th St., Seventh Ave. North).

### Transfers from Frankfurt--

## Senior tells of 'German' life

by Emily Steele

Senior Gary McCollough recently moved back to the States after living in Kaiserslautern and Frankfurt, Germany for four years.

At Frankfurt High School, Gary was a member of the basketball, wrestling, soccer and track teams as well as the letterman's club. He was also a member of the stage band, was band manager and made first chair All-Europe with trombone and baritone.

Gary also played guitar for the Satuia rock band which received payments for performances outside of school.

"It is a misconception that military families just live among the Germans," Gary says. He explains that there are numerous American communities throughout Germany in which are included American stores, schools and recreation facilities. "Everything is closer and more convenient there (Germany) than here in Montevallo," he adds.

Gary was born in Japan, live in England for three years and has traveled throughout Europe.

## *Holiday means travel, sleep, TV*

MHSers will have an extended weekend next Friday as the school observes Veterans Day. Most already have plans for their extra day.

Junior Tina Barrow plans a trip to Florida for the weekend, while senior Karen Morris says she'll just "sleep late" and then watch television.

Sophomore Willie Rutledge is traveling to Detroit to visit relatives, and senior Rene Davis is heading for New York for the three-day break.





In State Volleyball--

## Girls capture 2A crown

MHS's lady Bulldogs are the 2A state volleyball champions. They earned the title by defeating St. Paul High of Mobile at Jacksonville State University Nov. 4. Sophomores Valerie Anderson and Shelia Goode were named to the all-tournament team.

St. Paul dropped to the loser's bracket after an opening loss to MHS but advanced back to face the 'Dogs again in the match for the crown.

In the three-game finals, the Saints took the first round 15-13, but MHS came back to win 16-14, 15-10. To reach the finals, Montevallo defeated Holly Pond and last year's champion Lexington.

"We were proud of the team. They really gave  
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### ALL - STATERS

Sophomores Shelia Goode (1) and Valerie Anderson, all-state tournament players, show off the trophies the volleyball team gathered as they took championship titles in county, area, region and state meets.

The team also won a fifth tournament this season when they took part in the Bibb County meet at Centreville.

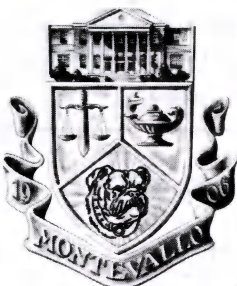
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## Schools asked to conserve

Associate Superintendent of the Shelby County Board of Education Vern Davis has called for a 5% cutback in all energy costs, school supplies and utilities in the county schools. This cutback is necessary due to a lack of state funds; and Dr. Wayne Teague, State Superintendent of Education, predicts a 5% proration of funds.

MHS Principal W. C. Corbett explains, "The money is just not coming in." MHS will have to conserve in all areas in order to match the necessary cutback.

According to Mr. Corbett this means closed windows and doors, fewer night and extracurricular activities and thermostats at 68°.

A cut in staff salaries is not probable unless the funds run out before the end of the school year Mr. Corbett notes.

## Reports are due

Students will receive their grades for the second six weeks today.

Report cards will be given out at 2:40 in the homerooms.

## School closes for holidays

Next Wednesday when the 2:45 bell rings, MHSers and their teachers will leave school for a four-day break.

Classes will not be in session Nov. 23 and 24 in observance of Thanksgiving. They will resume on Nov. 27.

Schools close once again next month for holidays. The last day of classes before Christmas vacation begins will be Tuesday, Dec. 20.



Scholarships offered--

## 3 try for county title

TONIGHT AND TOMORROW NIGHT three MHS girls will be participating in the two-night Junior Miss Pageant at Shelby County High School. They are seniors Kathy Crowe, Kathy Hegwood (who entered late), and Karen Morris. Senior Jean Lancaster withdrew from the contest.

The three have been practicing for the last two weeks with the 22 other girls from Shelby County in the competition. Judging areas are poise and appearance, talent and physical fitness.

Talent, which counts as a large part of the total score, will be featured tonight. Kathy Crowe will use sign language for her act, Kathy Hegwood will play the theme from "Summer of '42" on the piano and Karen will sing a selection from "Showboat."

Tickets may be purchased from the candidates for \$1.50 for one night or \$2.50 for both performances.

Junior Miss is a national scholarship program.

## Band project swells funds

OPERATION: BAND AID, an event which raised over \$6,000 for the band Nov. 4, began with the Troubadours parading down Main Street.

Activities in which the band and its supporters participated included a balloon throw, a yard sale and various other events at Orr Park.

Drawings for 12 prizes were held during the fund-raising festivities. Sophomore Taylor Lawrence won Grand Prize -- a trip to Gulf Shores for a week.

Dr. Ted Pritchett, from UM, won a color TV set.

The event which was designed to raise \$15,000 for new uniforms and instruments was headed by Dr. Frank McCoy of UM.

"I feel the program was a total success despite the fact that we didn't reach our goal," says band director Jim Weese.

### Take a tip!

CONSERVE ENERGY: Turn off lights in rooms that are not in use.

### It's News Downtown--

## Dry cleaners opens on Hwy. 119

Sep and Fetco #3 Dry Cleaners opened Sept. 19 at Moore's Crossroads next door to Cross Road Food Mart on Hwy. 119.

The new operation is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Powell and Mr. and Mrs. Terry Powell. Business hours are 8:00 to 6:00 during the week (except Wednesday) and 8:00 to 12:00 on Saturday.

State Highway 119, which is Montevallo's Main Street, is being resurfaced to Alabaster.

County roads 16 and 22 in the Spring Creek area were recently repaved also by the Shelby County Highway Department.

## Junior takes leading role

Junior Debra Jones will star as Nyone, a slave girl, in a Christmas play "He Who Walks in Love" by Elizabeth B. Hellier.

Sharing and giving willingly is the theme of the one-act play to be presented by the dramatics club in the auditorium on Dec. 18.

Sophomores Kathy Kirkland and Felicia Phillips and senior Kevin McCoy also have major roles in the production.

"It is a very moving story, and I hope everyone will see the true meaning," notes director Barbara Belisle.



Sho-nuff Barbecue, located at Moore's Crossroads is under new management. Mr. Howard Green is operating the business.

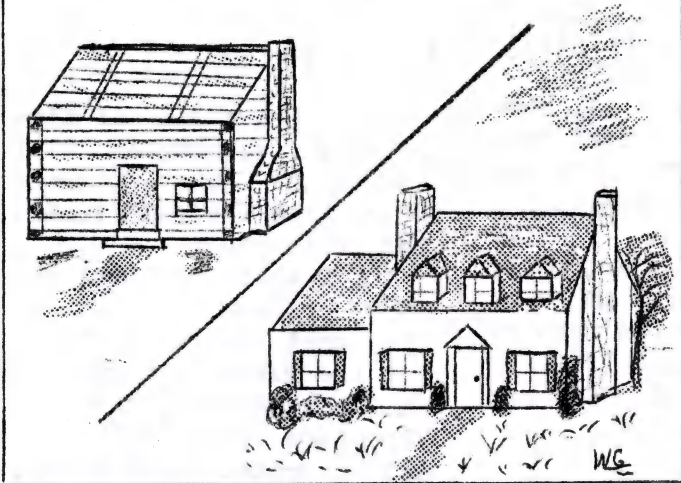
A city garage is under construction on Hwy. 119 in front of the sewer works near the Montevallo Middle School.

Eleven paintings by Abingdon Square painters of New York are on display at UM dining hall and in several UM offices.

They were loaned to the university by Art Works, Inga, Danville, VA, and will remain on campus until mid-December.



## For homes, we thank Thee



## Americo's blessings increase

AT THANKSGIVING TIME people look back to what our nation once was and look at what we have now comparing our lives with that of our forefathers.

Today we have free education, free lunch programs, welfare for the needy, medicine for the sick, ready-made clothing and nice homes. In addition, many diseases have been wiped out completely. Most of us have money whenever we need it and can go most anywhere we please.

The Pilgrims came to a land they knew nothing about. They had to make their own clothes, find food to eat and fight Indians to survive. After the first winter over half had died of disease and hunger. Their homes were mere huts and children died from the cold.

If the Pilgrims had had the opportunities we have, they would not have wasted them, abused them or complained of being mistreated as some do today.

Be thankful for what you have. Use it to the fullest of your abilities. Indeed, every day should be a day of thanksgiving in which we thank God for the many things he has provided us.

## Team praised

Congratulations to the volleyball team for winning the state 2A trophy.

The coach, team and manager put in many long, hard hours to get to the top. SPOTLIGHT commends them for proving once again MHS's "class."

## 'A' Program sets rules

Students daily voice complaints about the rule of "no cokes or soft drinks in the lunchroom," however, this is not a regulation set by MHS's administration but of the federal government.

MHS is under the ruling of the federal Class A Lunchroom Program which states that "growing teenagers need milk."

In order to continue receiving federal aid from this program, MHS's lunchroom must meet the standards which it requires--one of which is not allowing soft drinks in the cafeteria.

These same restrictions also apply to the faculty or anyone else who eats in the lunchroom.

## Break behavior causes problems

Behavior of some students at break has caused the administration to announce that the "recess" may be discontinued.

It is disappointing to know that a few trouble-makers could cause the entire student body to be punished.

The guilty ones should be punished--not all the student body, since most have commendable conduct.

...Kevin Hughes

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Spanish is for real--

## Students practice Español

DIALOGUES, POEMS, AND A GUEST SPEAKER have all been on the agenda for Spanish classes at MHS to lend "atmosphere" to the classroom. Both the first year and advanced groups were assigned the special activities by teacher Delilah Robinson.

Buenos dias: ¿Como esta? (Good day. How are you?) was the opening statement of dialogues written as an assignment by Spanish I and II students. Class members memorized and presented talks of approximately fifty words. Each worked with a classmate in writing and arranging the speeches which were recited Oct. 27.

### Students criticize each other

Mrs. Robinson recorded the verbal exchanges and played them back to allow the class to criticize pronunciations. A homecoming dance, football games, boys, and friends were some of the topics used.

In addition, first year students recently recited an eight-line poem while the second year class presented "En Paz" by Amado Nervo, a well known Mexican author.

### Visitor speaks

Last week Dr. Ray Mayfield, head of UM's foreign language department, gave the classes more practice in speaking Spanish.

According to Mrs. Robinson the guest, who has visited many Spanish speaking countries, began the discussion by giving background information on the relationship of the United States with Spanish speaking countries.

### Guest asks questions

He asked the students simple questions in Spanish; such as, ¿Como se llama? (What is your name?) ¿Cuántos años tiene? (How old are you?) ¿Como esta? (How are you?)

"Both classes enjoyed his visit and invited him to come again," Mrs. Robinson says.

### With seniors in English--

## UM professor discusses Chaucer

Mr. Sidney J. Vance, Jr., an associate professor at UM, recently visited MHS's college prep English class.

Considered an expert on Chaucer, Mr. Vance discussed Geoffrey Chaucer's Canterbury Tales with the senior students.

He presented the prologue to the tales in Middle English and then gave the class more insight on several of his "favorite" pilgrims. Students participated with comments and questions.

During the study, Mrs. Frances Anthony, teacher, divided the class into six groups and had each group report on three pilgrims from the "Tales."



## HOE sponsors 2 children

The child care branch of HOE at the Shelby County Area Vocational School has collected various toys, clothing, and other articles to support a six-year old boy and a twelve-year old girl at the Talladega School for the Deaf and Blind. The group has also planned a Christmas party for mentally retarded children in the area.

Montevallo citizens can help with these projects by purchasing cookbooks for \$2, according to MHS junior Teresa Chism who serves as recreational leader for the club.

## UAB to give CLEP test

The University of Alabama in Birmingham will administer the College Level Exam Program (CLEP) test this year.

CLEP allows students to skip college courses if they meet the requirements for the classes on the test. Students desiring more information can call 934-4173 or write: Alice Reece, Coordinator of High School Testing, P.O. Box 60 NBSB, Birmingham, AL 35294.



MHS makes spotlight--

# Camera catches band, 'Dogs

Pictures of MHS's band and football team were recently featured in Alabama Education, the official publication of the Alabama State Department of Education. The pictures were part of a special section on football.

The band was shown twice--a color picture of Troubadour practice and a black-and-white one of band director Jim Weese leading the flute section.

The Bulldogs were spotlighted in a color picture of Coach Richard Gilliam leading his team in prayer.

Pictures of other schools' bands and teams included Stanhope Elmore, Jeff Davis, Midfield and Mountain Brook were also shown.

The schools were selected because of their model athletic and band programs according to Coach Richard Gilliam.

## Educators honored during special week

During National Education Week everyone takes time to recognize those educators who devote much time to helping others.

At MHS many instructors give "extra" service to the school and students.

Some of the special activities include such jobs as sponsoring numerous classes, clubs and groups; filming ball games; keeping scores and statistics for athletic events; making programs and yearbooks; helping with maintenance; preparing signs, bulletin boards and various decorations; selling tickets at school events; and driving buses.

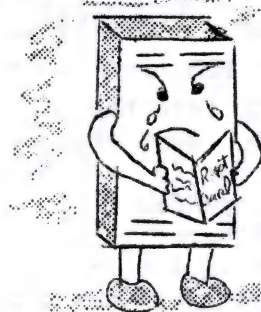
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## Schools saluted

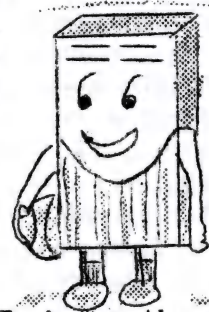
The American school system and its educators receive a special salute as the nation celebrates Education Week.

--Locker Laughs--

## Like nuts, jokes crack too!



The volleyball team's  
Best in the state;  
The basketball team's  
Looking great.  
Report cards are due  
And students whine,  
But someone always  
Has a funny line!



In biology class sophomore Tim Acton and Scott Studdard were standing around Carey Thompson's desk.

Looking up quickly, Careysaid, "I feel like a pecan tree-- surrounded by a bunch of nuts."

Reporting back from the lunchroom on a Thanksgiving Day assignment, senior Billy Brantley exclaimed, "We don't have a story-- the government failed to fly in any turkeys."

During 4th period home ec, sophomore Teresa Reed asked, "Who left their scissors in the back?"

When no one replied, she

Besides duties at MHS, every faculty member has many other chores. One example is general science and biology teacher Joanna McGaughy.

In a recent survey she noted she has many "unusual" jobs, including working as an electrician, plumber, cook, housekeeper and ad infinitum."

When giving her reason for assuming such responsibilities as these, Mrs. McGaughy replied, "It was all a natural process."

said, "I know they just didn't walk back there."

Senior Ann Frye commented, "I don't know--wonders happen in this class!"

Student teacher Margaret Bloomer told college prep English students she had a friend who was a speed reader, adding, "She just eats up books."

"Sounds more like a speed eater," piped Billy Brantley.

At a special pep rally for the volleyball team, the cheerleaders were doing the cheer, "Fire-Up!"

Coach Richard Gilliam yelled, "Tear 'em up, 'Bulldog Dresses.'"



Bulldog Growls--

In State play-off--

## Many help behind scene

by Kevin Hughes

Many aspects of an athletic program go unnoticed.



Manual work such as repairing scoreboards, painting, cleaning, mowing, and numerous other projects all have to be done by someone.

At MHS, most of these tasks are performed by a group of "boosters."

Though small in force, the Athletic Boosters give many hours of time.

On Friday afternoon, members of the group prepare the pregame meal for the Bulldogs--a vital asset for the team.

So many things can be attributed to this organization of dedicated fans.

The team, coaches, and school appreciate such support from Montevallo's Athletic Boosters.

## Volleyball --(Cont'd)

their best effort in the tournament," notes volleyball manager Debra Cain. "They played exceptionally well in every game."

Varsity squad members are Valerie Anderson, Teresa Chism, Phyllis Conwell, Vicki Crowson, Sheila Goode, Cathy Holmes, and Fredia Thrift.

## Girls open cage season with Moody

MHS's Lady Bulldogs open their basketball season Nov. 28 against Moody of Leeds. Other games before the Christmas break are: Chelsea (T), Nov. 30: Selma (T), Dec. 1; Pelham (H), Dec. 7: and Bibb County and Thompson both away on Dec. 12 and 14.

# Hughes leads Bulldog romp

by guest writer John Tishler  
(Former SPOTLIGHT editor)

BULLDOG QUARTERBACK KEVIN HUGHES marshaled his forces to lead Montevallo to a 24-0 romp over Ochatsee in the Region 4 championship game at Fisher Stadium last Friday. The 5'11" Montevallo captain rose to general's status as he completed five of 11 passes for 112 yards and ran four times for 87--one a 39-yd. scamper for a TD in the third period.

In addition, the 158 pound senior broke his own record by hitting Sam Purnell with a 32-yd. scoring pass in the second quarter--his fifteenth TD pass of the season and eleventh straight game to throw for a touchdown. He also threw a two-point conversion to Marty Eddleman.

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### Quarterfinals--

## MHS takes on Eclectic tonight

Tonight MHS travels to Eclectic to face the Elmore County Panthers in the quarterfinals of the state 2A playoffs.

The Panthers lost only one game in the regular season this year but had to forfeit two due to ineligibility of a player.

"They are probably the best team we'll face this year," Coach Richard Gilliam comments, "but we're going down there and give it our best."

Tonight's winner will advance to the semifinal round playing the winner of the Slocumb-Thomasville match. The game will be played at either Slocumb or Thomasville.

### Green gets 116 yards

Tailback Edd Green answered the general's call on 17 occasions, picking up 116 yards.

With Ochatsee giving ground grudgingly throughout the first quarter, MHS finally broke on top with 1:52 left in the period on Buddy Holsombeck's 29-yd. field goal.

Montevallo scored again early in the second. After an 83-yard march, Purnell, getting the tough yardage all night, went over from two yards out.

Paul Russell added one PAT, and the 'Dogs led 17-0 at halftime.

### Defense makes A+

MHS's defense, containing stormtrooper Phillip Propst throughout the game, stiffened when the Indians threatened in the second quarter.

Ochatsee moved to MHS's 23 before Lee Clayton recovered an Indian fumble.

MHS's stonewall defense which held the Indians to 145 yards and zero points included Clayton, Larry Holmes, Glen Jackson, Kelvin Lilly, Steve Melsoni (four sacks), Purnell and Tolbert (14 solo tackles).





BULLDOG LEADERS

All set to lead their charges in a final practice session prior to the first round of the state playoff are (l - r) captains Jerome Tolbert, Kevin Hughes and Edd Green.

Winning 39-12 at TCTS--

## 'Dogs hold on to Area 7 title

MHS's Bulldogs remained "King" of Area 7 football as they defeated TCTS 39-12 Nov. 13. They then edged out Vincent in the tie-breaking factors for a state berth.

Romping for 39 points and holding the hometown Tigers of Talladega County Training School's offense to 6 (the other 6 came on a 4th quarter returned fumble), the Bulldogs upped their regular season record to 7 wins, 3 losses.

### Scoring at TCTS

1st quarter: MHS--Kevin Hughes (2), 2 yds. and 1 yd.; Hughes to Kelvin Lilly, 2-pt. conversion.

2nd quarter: MHS--Sam Purnell, 4 yds.; TCTS--pass, 24 yds.

3rd quarter: MHS -- Jerome Tolbert, pass interception, 24 yds.; Hughes to Tolbert, 17 yds.

4th quarter: MHS--Wade Bice, 13 yds. TCTS--returned fumble, 39 yds.

## PE GROUPS CHANGE

Co-ed phys ed classes began new units Monday.

Coach Richard Gilliam is teaching basketball and Coach Dot Bishop is working with gymnastics.

With Tolbert, Green--

## Hughes named leader

Members of the '78 football squad chose quarterback Kevin Hughes, a 4-year letterman, permanent captain in a vote Nov. 2.

Jerome Tolbert, linebacker and tight end, was the No. 2 choice and was named co-captain. Running back Edd Green, third-place winner, received tri-captain rank.

"These men have shown fine leadership and are really looked to as leaders," Coach Richard Gilliam observes in agreement with the choices.

Eight other seniors also received votes for their show of leadership.

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## Basketball starts with UM Classic

### BASKETBALL IS HERE!

The Bulldogs open their season tomorrow when they meet Bibb County in the annual University of Montevallo Classic, sponsored by the Lions for Sight Conservation.

MHS plays the Choctaws at 5:00 p.m., prior to the consolation and finals of the UM meet Nov. 17-18.

In last year's opener, the 'Dogs squeezed by Bibb by a narrow margin, topping the Choctaws 66-62.

"Bibb lost a lot of starters, but they'll be quick and will have already played a couple of games," Coach Kurt Pnazeck notes. "We'll have to be at our best," he adds.

The team has been working since Oct. 23 minus six men still involved in football.

## Hughes scores

Quarterback Kevin Hughes set a TD pass record this season--14, total; with at least one in each game.

Hughes's favorite TD target was Jerome Tolbert who caught 6 for 139 yds.

## Schedule is set

Games on Montevallo's basketball schedule before Christmas holidays are:

Nov. 18--Bibb County (UM)  
21--Holy Family (T)  
28--Jemison (H)  
Dec. 1--Francis Marion (T)  
12--Bibb County (H)  
15--Thompson (T)

The Mid-State Tournament will be held at Childersburg Dec. 5-8.



A week's observance--

## Nation honors schools

"Education can turn things around" is the theme of National Education Week, Nov. 12-18.

The program, originated by the American Legion after World War I, was developed when 25 percent of American military men were illiterate to encourage Americans to get a good education.

Today the purpose is to "let the public know of advancements being made in schools and of the yet unmet needs in education," according to the Nov. issue of Alabama School Journal.

During this special week Principal W. C. Corbett notes that MHS is emphasizing the school's present goal: "We're making a special effort to teach students to read and write satisfactorily so they can pass the soon-to-come competency test," he says.

Notices were constructed and posted at Montevallo Middle School. A special meal was also prepared for students in the MMS lunchroom as part of the school's observance of this special week.

At Montevallo Elementary School parents of the students visited the school Thursday from 9 to 10 to see the classes in action Principal Doris Jeter says.

## Teachers --(Cont'd)

about MHS's faculty is that it is approximately 60% male according to Principal W.C. Corbett. He reports that in most schools only 25% are male.

"I feel MHS has one of the best faculties in central Alabama," Mr. Corbett adds.

## School adds drink machine

A coke machine has been installed in the teachers' lounge. Now instructors can have soft drinks during their planning periods in the lounge.

The machine is available to students after school says Principal W.C. Corbett.

The machine was furnished by the Coca-Cola company which added a basketball scoreboard to the gymnasium last year.

According to Mr. Corbett Coca-Cola has also agreed to construct a new scoreboard at Fisher Stadium and pay for any repairs needed on the board in the next 10 years. The only stipulation is that only soft drinks made by Coca-Cola can be sold at MHS games.

Gorre-Regan will install the scoreboard in time for next season at a cost of approximately \$5,000.

## Maintenance worker joins staff

Montevallo High now has a new staff member, maintenance man Bobby Hughes.

Mr. Hughes was assigned to Montevallo's three schools, MHS, Middle and Elementary, by Shelby County Board of Education. However, he is stationed at MHS and keeps his equipment in the boiler room. In case of a "major" problem, he can call on a "floating crew" from the county office according to Principal W. C. Corbett.

"I think this new system is a good idea and we are looking forward to working with Mr. Hughes," Mr. Corbett comments.

Neighbor notes--

## Program honors American vets

Veterans of the community were honored Nov. 9 in a special program at Montevallo Middle School.

Mr. Charles Knowles, newly elected superintendent of education, was guest speaker.

Four visiting veterans were recognized during the program for which Rebecca Hicks served as narrator.

Meredith Walker presented the Gettysburg Address and Kelvin Thompson gave the devotional.

Mrs. Emily Pendleton and her journalism class are presently compiling The Middle Years, Montevallo Middle Schools yearbook.

The annual, which sells for \$5, will be sent for publication in February and should be available by the end of school Mrs. Pendleton says.

## MES celebrates

Today is the last day of Children's Book Week which has been observed throughout the week at the Montevallo Elementary School according to Principal Doris Jeter.



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## MMS to host PTA

Montevallo Middle School Drama Club will present a short Christmas skit, and the intermediate band will perform as part of the PTA Open House program at MMS Monday, Dec. 11.

Beginning at 7:30, the meeting will include a brief business session and reports by principals of Montevallo's three schools.



LIGHTS OUT!

"Can't we do without this one?" freshman Taylor Lawrence asks classmate Ellen Arnold as he clicks off a library light.

As Board requests--

## MHS cuts energy cost

MHS has come out on top in the first evaluation of Shelby County school system's recent 5% energy cut-back. The reduction was called for in all energy costs, school supplies and utilities.

In a recent utility bill comparison of September 1978 with September 1977, MHS had a decrease of \$817.74. The 1977 bill was \$3,309.38, and this

year's \$2,491.64. The entire system showed an increase of \$10,217.72 for this period.

Montevallo Middle School had an increase of \$332.68 and Montevallo Elementary showed a decrease of \$77.25. Ten schools showed increases and ten decreases, while Riverchase Middle, which is a new school, had no bills with which to compare.

To usher in Christmas season--

## Band, chorus will perform

MHS's Marching Troubadours and chorus will take part in the Holiday Shoppers' Spree Parade Dec. 7. The parade which begins at 6 p.m. is sponsored by the Centrala Garden Club. Parade committee chairman Linda Lawley says several stores will be selling refreshments along with the Band Boosters and the Garden Club during the activity.

Santa Claus, riding on a fire truck, will follow the Troubadours. Choirs from several churches and sororities will sing along with MHS's newly formed chorus, "Lady Troubadours," will also perform.

The Garden Club will present an award to the store which shows the best Christmas spirit as all merchants keep their businesses open until 8 that night.

Some like Calera High and Helena Elementary had large increases due to the fact that their buildings were renovated, adding air conditioning since last year.

## December dates

- Dec. 1 - F. Marion game
- 5-8 - Mid-State meet
- 7 - Chorus performs
- 7 - Christmas parade
- 11 - PTA (Middle Sch.)
- 14 - Band concert
- 15 - Thompson game-UM
- 18 - Christmas play
- 19 - Last 1978 school day



Holiday season offers hope--

## Principals discuss cutback

FINANCIAL SITUATIONS of schools was the main topic discussed at Shelby County principals' meeting Nov. 20, according to MHS principal W.C. Corbett. The necessity for the 5% cutback in school spending was explained in detail. "The need for this became apparent when the sales tax increase of 13.6% projected by the State Legislature was not reached," Mr. Corbett explains.

The sales tax, which provides funds for public schools has actually increased only 9%, which means the schools would not have as much operating money as the legislature thought.

"However, there is a possibility of an increase with the coming of the Christmas holidays," Mr. Corbett notes.

He adds that MHS will continue cutting down on utility spending and purchase materials only when necessary to help the financial problem of the Shelby County Board of Education.

## Bus rates 'hiked'

A 40¢ per mile increase in bus use on field trips, including athletic events, went into effect Nov. 22, according to MHS principal W. C. Corbett.

After the costs were re-evaluated the price was upped from 30¢ to 70¢.

It's News Downtown--

## UM presents dinner theatre

"The Prisoner of Second Avenue" is the first production of the University of Montevallo's new dinner theater.

The play which began Thursday will end tomorrow night.

UM senior Renee Dunshee directs the drama which is preceded by a buffet at 6:30 in Old Main Dining Hall. The play begins at 7:30. Reservations can be made by calling 665-2521,

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The city will turn on Christmas lights tonight.

Some new decorations have been added and others were renovated according to spokesman for the work Ben Carswell.

## Alumni earn college honors

Several MHS graduates received honors at University of Montevallo's Elite Night Nov. 11.

They included Vanessa Cottingham ('77), freshman favorite; and Tricia Corbett ('75), senior favorite, senior beauty and Ms. UM candidate.

In addition four others were named senior elite: Michele VanLandingham ('75), biology; Susan Zahumensky ('75), history; Greg Merijanian ('75), pre-medician; and Kim Hollon ('75), management.

Tricia, Kim and James Salter ('75) were also honored for being named to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

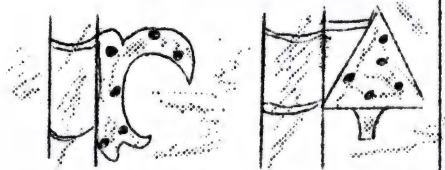
## Pupils purchase

## 1979 yearbooks

Today is the last day to order 1979 yearbooks. An assembly and slide presentation, held Wednesday in the auditorium, encouraged students to purchase their annuals.

Yearbook staffers collected money for the books in homeroom today. However, MONTALAs may be ordered from any Honor Society member throughout the day.

According to editor Rene Davis this year's edition will contain eight more pages than last year's, as well as a colored senior section.



Local pet owners should be sure to keep wild animals away from their pets due to rabies.

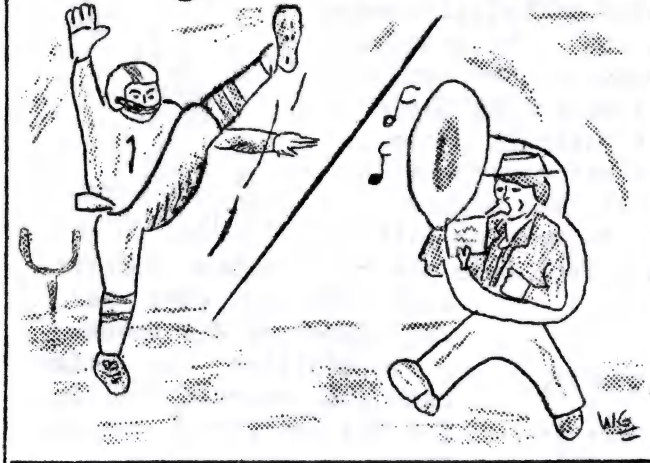
The disease is becoming widespread throughout the State. There have been no cases reported from this area, but everyone should remain aware of the danger according to County Environmental Health Officer Ron Stutts.

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Seaman Timber Co. has enlarged its office space.

"Increasing demands for pressure treated lumber and the addition of an air dried railroad-tie yard made additional personnel necessary," says Mrs. Jan-Seaman.



## Champion-status goes to teams



## Should anyone break?

How would MHS teachers feel if, after waiting in line to eat for 20 minutes, three or four students cut in front of them in the cafeteria? It doesn't seem fair, yet it happens in reverse almost every day.

Although the faculty is allowed to "break" in line in order to save time, many students feel this is wrong. The 30-minute lunch period is just as short for students as for the teachers and in their eyes their time is just as valuable.

Perhaps more teachers should become aware of this situation and put the Golden Rule into practice. Students aren't al-

lowed to cut in front of others, and those setting the examples shouldn't do so either. (Rene Davis)

## Athletes, musicians praised

Congratulations go to MHS's Area 7 and Region 4 football champions. The Bulldog squad has represented Montevallo well in all games and are commended for their fine performances during the regular season and state playoffs which they made for a fourth year.

During halftime, the "Superior" Troubadours turned out numerous outstanding shows deserving of compliments.

## Containers need extra attention

Dirty milk cartons have a way of spoiling one's appetite. Recently several students received milk with foul-smelling substances on the cartons.

This is not necessarily the lunchroom's fault but should be taken care of by its staff or the company which delivers the milk.

Since it is a requirement that the cooler be kept clean, then the containers which are placed in the box should be kept clean also. Someone should have the responsibility of seeing that the milk cartons are sanitary.

Recognition is also given to the "coaches" of these groups who devote long hours in perfecting skills of their students.

MHS is proud of these groups which have brought such honor to the school

## Team merits support

Why do pep rallies end with football season?

Of course, there are too many basketball games to have one for every game, but some could be scheduled for a few special games.

For example, one could be held to begin the season and before county and area tournaments.

Pep rallies boost school spirit and MHSers need to show their support for the basketball team too.

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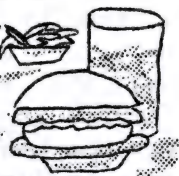
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## Chefs sponsor 'Student Sales'

The food branch of HERO at the Shelby County Area Vocational Center sells items the class has prepared every Thursday on "Student Sales Day."



The group offers hamburgers, French fries, barbecues, fried or barbecued chicken, doughnuts and cinnamon buns to students from other classes during the break.

"We have some different things each week," explains Eddie Staffney who is one of the cooks.

MHSer Eddie Sailes and Rita Tolbert are also part of the group.

The students are now planning a Christmas party for the elderly people in the area.

## Dramatics club plans play

Preparations for the dramatics club Christmas play are underway according to sponsor Barbara Belisle. The cast rehearses three days a week, and set construction has begun on "He Who Walks in Love."

The cast, headed by sophomores Kathy Kirkland and Felicia Phillips, junior Debra Jones and senior Kevin McCoy, includes freshman Rig Parker, junior Bret Jones and senior Kevin McCoy as the wise men and Cagle Rochester as friend to Nyone. Seniors Lee Clayton, Marty Eddleman and Curtis Peoples also have parts.

The 30-minute production written by Elizabeth B. Hellier, is scheduled for Dec. 13. Mrs. Belisle feels the cast is "eager to make it a success."

Lee Clayton, Stark Harbour, Patrick Sims, Shawn Spicer are scenery men.

### Looking toward Christmas--

## Bond practices for concert

MHS's concert band officially began its season last Monday. The band has begun practicing some concert numbers earlier in hopes of selecting music suitable for use in district contest.

The band's first performance will be at the annual Christmas concert.

"I've looked forward to working with this group because I feel this can be the best concert band MHS has ever had," says director Jim Weese.



## MHS gets funds

Montevallo High was included in the first allocation of Alabama's \$220 million school bond issue.

According to THE BIRMINGHAM NEWS MHS will receive \$123,750. Another Shelby County school Vincent High will also receive \$123,750.

Most of the money was issued to schools which had fires during the last year.

MHS's fire destroyed the school's auditorium, while Vincent's damaged several classrooms and the office.

In addition the stage band also started drilling for its Christmas performance.

Practicing each Tuesday after school, the band features trumpets Billy Brantley, Jimmy Brown, John Owen and Taylor Lawrence; trombonists Ben Peete, Tommy Owen and Gerald Walker and saxes Todd Austin, Chassie Harbour, Shawn Spicer and Paul Spicer.

## Senior officers select invitations

Graduation announcements were chosen recently by senior class officers.

This group which met with Mr. J. L. Brock of Chambers Engraving Company, selected invitations featuring the school emblem in orange and gold.

They also chose black lettering in block style issuing the formal invitation.

Other plans made by the officers included displaying samples of caps and gowns in navy and royal blue to senior homerooms, letting the 12th graders select their favorite.

Color of tassels will also be a class decision.

### TAKE A TIP

By turning heating units to 65° during winter and air-conditioning units to 74° in spring and summer, energy can be saved.



From 3 classes--

## 21 earn excellent grades

Twenty-one students made the Principal's list for the second six weeks grading period. Eight of those earning all A's are seniors, four are sophomores, and nine are freshmen.

Seniors making the list are Cliff Anderson, Glenn Anthony, Mark Baker, Leslee Belluchie, Vicki Crowson, Rene Davis, Emily Steele, and Monique VanLandingham.

Sophomores with the top grades are Todd Austin, Clare Golson, David Melsoni and Scott Studdard.

Freshmen who placed their names on the list are Ellen Arnold, Beth Hughes, Mary Klemenc, Taylor Lawrence, Anna Lott, Robyn Perkins, Lloyd Pickett, Kenny Pruitt and Krislin Stewart.

According to homeroom teachers no juniors made the all-A list.

### --Neighbor Notes--

## Christmas spirit comes to MMS

Montevallo Middle School students are "decking the halls" in preparation for PTA Open House Dec. 6.

"Christmas Symbols" is the theme for the annual holiday decorations.

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Remodeling the MMS library, now underway, includes new carpet and improvement in the audio-visuals room. The County Board of Education is financing the restoration after damage by vandals according to school secretary Jane Jones.

Schooldays pictures arrived recently at MMS. The pictures, taken by Hewett Studio of Atlanta, Ga., were sold to students for \$7.50 a pack.

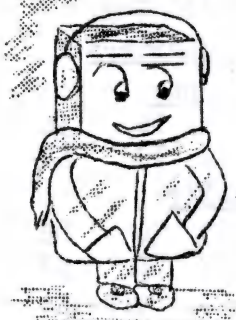
## 3 sell most mums

Top salesmen in SPOTLIGHT's homecoming flower sale which netted over \$100 were Teresa Chism, Ann Frye and Janet Hicks.

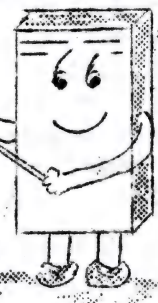
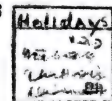
The money will pay for additional picture pages in the publication adviser Cathy Bearden says.

### Locker Laughs--

## Teacher observes latecomers



Basketball season's  
Underway,  
And winter's cold  
Is on its way.  
The holiday season  
Is drawing near  
And your funny lines  
Add to the cheer.



Teacher Don Benton remarked to his world geography class, "Have you noticed how the students who are always tardy seem to be retarded?"

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During 3rd period English Mrs. Susan Cochran asked Wanda Prentice if she would like to visit Mrs. Parker.

Wanda glanced at teacher Ann Parker who was talking with a visitor and replied, "Looks like she already has company."

## Rebecca Luker wins county title

Shelby County has a new Junior Miss. She is Rebecca Luker of Thompson.



First runner-up is Robin Burgess, Pelham; and second runner-up, Angel Hoppwood, Thompson.

Seniors Kathy Crowe, Kathy Hegwood, and Karen Morris represented MHS. Each girl received a necklace depicting the pageant.

In addition, disc jockeys from KXX fm radio who emceed the event, will give a disco dance for all those who participated.

When asked what she thought of carbon dating, senior Monique VanLandingham replied, "As long as both carbons are over 16 I think it's all right."

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A group of Spanish Club members were planning a party and sponsor Delilah Robinson told them they could bring dates.

Junior Belinda Morris sighed, "The last time I saw a date was on my mother's birthday cake last year."



Bulldog Growls--Going to 'State'  
is now tradition

by Kevin Hughes

MHS has become a familiar name in state athletics.



Football, basketball and volleyball teams have all recently participated in state competition.

For the past four years MHS football teams have won their way to state playoffs, and have been in them since the state started the system—a record only a few can schools can claim.

The 1975 squad started the tradition, posting a 7-3 regular season mark. That year Montevallo fell in the first round to Hokes Bluff.

The following year was a banner one with the Bulldogs going 9-1 in the regular season and finishing 10-2 after defeating Hokes Bluff and then falling to Elmore County in the second round of the playoffs.

Going undefeated in '77,

(Cont'd p. 7)

Hayes, Bell top scorers--

## 'Dogs down Holy Family

Earl Hayes and Kent Bell led the Bulldogs as they defeated Holy Family 63-57 in Birmingham on Nov. 21. Scoring all but 20 of Montevallo's points, Hayes and Bell put in 22 and 21 points respectively.

After a slow start, the 'Dogs hit 8 before the Tornados got going, but had to stave off a third quarter rally to pick up their second win of the season. They had defeated Bibb County 54-42 in the opener.

Free throws do it

Hayes hit 4 for 4 from the free throw line; while Bell made 7 of 10. This made the difference since the Tornados outscored the 'Dogs 25 to 24 from the field.

"We played well enough to win as was the case in our first game, but we still have a long way to go to get it together," notes Coach Kurt Pnizek.

In the season's opener the 'Dogs topped Bibb County 54-42 in the UM classic Nov. 18.

Bell had 20 points; Otto Fields, 16, to lead opening night scoring.

Scoring by quarters

	<u>Bibb County</u>				
MHS	17	16	7	14	54
BCHS	3	8	12	19	42
	<u>Holy Family</u>				
MHS	8	18	13	24	63
HF	6	11	18	22	57

As season ends--MHS falls  
at Eclectic

Elmore County running back Alvin Freeman scored three third-quarter TD's to lead his team to a 35-14 victory that eliminated MHS from the state playoffs at Eclectic Nov. 17.

Freeman was the key figure in an offense that exploded for 417 yards, most of which came after the 'Dogs held the Panthers to a 7-7 halftime tie.

Scoring

1st quarter: ECHS--38-yd. pass, Dale Martin to Patrick Holley; Glenn Pilcher, PAT. MHS: 21-yd. pass, Kevin Hughes to Sam Purnell; Buddy Holsombeck, PAT.

3rd quarter: ECHS--Freeman (3), 3, 4-yd. runs, 84-yd. pass from Martin. Martin, 2 pts., Pilcher, PAT.

4th quarter: ECHS--20-yd. pass, T. Bridgeman to Holley; Pilcher, PAT. MHS--Purnell, 1 yd.; Holsombeck, PAT.

The Bulldogs ended the season with an 8-4 record.

## Boosters will honor athletes

Saturday, Dec. 9, MHS will hold its annual fall athletic banquet. The dinner at 7:00, sponsored by the Athletic Boosters Club, will feature guest speaker Bob Finley, head football coach at Berry High School in Birmingham.

MHS will honor its "playoff" football team and its coaches; and this year, special honors will go to the girls 2A state championship volleyball team.

Special awards and individual honors will be presented to the players of both the volleyball and football teams and also to junior high football players and cheerleaders of both groups. The fall Theron Fisher Award will be announced.

The event will be held in the school lunchroom.

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Team will be picked--

# PE classes study tennis

by Janet Hicks

TENNIS IS A NEW "thing" for MHS phys ed students who recently completed a three weeks course on the sport with Coaches Richard Gilliam, Kurt Pnazek and Sammy Skinner as instructors.

After three weeks of practicing basics and working on the backhand and forehand strokes, students were tested on volleying the ball, stance position and stroking manner. "Everyone did very well considering the length of time we had to teach them," Coach Gilliam observes.

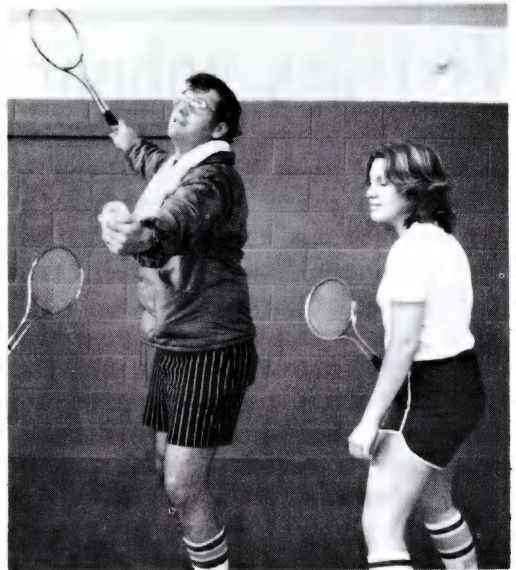
## More time next year

An entire six weeks will be devoted to the sport in phys ed next year and courts at UM will be used for practice according to Coach Gilliam.

## Team tryouts

Coach Sam Slatsky, a UM tennis player, will set up time slots to view members of the tennis club in action prior to selecting 12 members for an MHS team.

The tryout schedule is to be made up "soon after Christmas holidays," according to Coach Slatsky.



## FORM AND GRACE!

Coach Richard Gilliam demonstrates correct serve to senior Vicki Crowson.

MHS plays Sylacauga--

# Conference meet, next week

WITH ONLY FOUR GAMES behind them, the Bulldogs face 3A Sylacauga at 6:30 Tuesday in the first round of the Mid-State Tournament held at Childersburg, Dec. 4-8.

The bracket shows the following matchups:

B.B. Comer

Tues., 8

Pell City

Thurs.  
6:30

Vincent

Mon., 6:30

Thompson

Montevallo

Tues., 6:30

Sylacauga

Thurs.  
8:00

Shelby Co.

Mon., 8

Chil'burg

A consolation match is scheduled for 6:30 Friday, and the championship game will be played at 8:00.

## Growls -- (Cont'd)

with a 9-0-1 record, the Bulldogs fell once again to Hokes Bluff in the first round of "State."

This year, after a 7-3 regular season, MHS finished 8-4, advancing once again to the second round, extending the playoff record to four straight years.

All these teams have participated in state competition under leadership of Coach Richard Gilliam.

Coach Gilliam can be proud of his accomplishments at Montevallo and is congratulated for another "playoff year."

## 'Dogs seek revenge in Marion tonight

Montevallo's basketball team travels to Francis Marion tonight to meet the Rams for the first time this season.

Last year the Rams defeated the Bulldogs three times--the final time in the Area 7 Tournament, a loss that denied the 'Dogs a chance at their seventh consecutive trip to the State Tournament.

Following the Mid-State Tournament next week, the Bulldogs host Bibb County Dec. 12 in a rematch at Susie DeMent Gymnasium.



In home economics --

## Visitors enhance class work

Guest speakers have highlighted units for teacher Rose Ellen Hankins's classes.

During a study of clothing in basic home ec, Misses Pam and Paula Guthrie (MHS '76) demonstrated fall fashions for the beginning students.

The twins who manage the Elizabeth Junior in Montevallo told the group that "pants are being tapered down, skirts are shortening and formal dresses should stop at the ankle." They also discussed party fashions, coats and sweaters.



### Helps in selection

"Their presentation will help me in selecting my fall and winter clothing," says freshman Greta Riesener. Freshman Timolyn Conwell adds, "It looks as if a repeat of past fashions is coming back this fall."

Earlier, Rev. Henry Golson, Montevallo Methodist minister, spoke to the family living class during a study of marriage. Rev. Golson, who moved to Montevallo in August and is father of sophomore Clare Golson, talked about dating, marriage and family life.

### Experienced speaker

"Because of his experience as a minister, father of three daughters and advisor to the college Methodist group, Rev. Golson brought a different viewpoint into our study of love," comments student teacher Ruth Guindon.

To end the unit, the class had a mock wedding reception for which they prepared a cake, punch, mints and cheese straws.

### Professional help

Mrs. Louise Champion, a professional cake decorator from Trussville, decorated the three-tier wedding cake while the students watched.

"She was fantastic—I wish I could decorate a cake like that," observes junior Jennifer Rutledge.

Class members invited parents and friends to the reception.

## NHS officials plan 'Montala'

National Honor Society officers and sponsor Frances Anthony met Monday with David Turner, a representative from Taylor Publishing Company, for a planning session about the club's annual project, the MONTALA.

According to business manager Janet Hicks NHS recently finalized ad sales totaling \$1,588. Last year's sales netted \$1,190. The group finances the MONTALA through selling ads, candy and the books themselves.

The total cost for the book will be approximately \$4,800 Janet says.

## Students share opinions

Six MHSers participated in a panel discussion Nov. 15 at the University of Montevallo.

College home economics classes studying adolescent development and instructor Susan Culpepper hosted two question and answer sessions with the students.

Juniors Tod Beers and Jennifer Dailey and senior Rene Davis made up the first panel, while senior David Lash, sophomore Mary Dean Naugher and freshman Paul Spicer formed the second.

Subjects discussed during the hour-long session included dating, peer pressure, future plans and life goals of the students.

## Club will hold Yule party at Ireland's

Journalism club members and their dates will bring in the Christmas holidays with a celebration. SPOTLIGHT advisers Cathy Bearden and Susie DeMent will also attend the event.

The group is planning a dinner at Ireland's restaurant at Brookwood Dec. 17.

"I'm really looking forward to this first get together of the journalism club and to the beginning of Christmas holidays," says senior Karen Morris.

New members will be added to the club next semester when Journalism I students try out for the SPOTLIGHT staff.



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Merry Christmas!

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## Term nears end

The third six weeks grading period ends eight days after classes resume from Christmas vacation. January 12 also marks the end of the first semester of the 1978-79 school year.

Report cards will be issued by homeroom teachers the following week.

Second semester begins Monday, Jan. 15.



From Costa Rica--

## Friends see school

Four Costa Rican teenagers visited MHS last Thursday as part of a nationwide activity called the Friendship Force.

The four and their MHS hosts were Marta Castro, Beth and Kevin Hughes; Maria Vanderlaet and Jose Goanzalez, Ruth, Robyn and Gay Perkins; and Ligia Opohe, Tim Acton.

18 in Montevallo

According to flight chairman Helen Perkins 18 Costa Ricans are visiting in Montevallo out of the 252 in the Birmingham area.

MHS's guests spent the day visiting Spanish classes as well as math classes, band, and physical education.

Activity planned

Several activities were planned for the visitors. They attended Christmas dinners, (Cont'd p. 2)

### LET'S SPEAK SPANISH

Spanish teacher Delilah Robinson (c) and freshman Beth Hughes (l-r) tell MHS visitors Marta Castro and Ligia Opohe, some facts about the school during the visit of the Costa Ricans.

To bring holidays--

## Yule program set

The 2:45 bell on Dec. 19 will signal the beginning of Christmas vacation. To help usher in the holidays, MHS will hold a Christmas program during sixth period on that day.

Participants for the event include the concert band, chorus and speech class.

Under the direction of Mr. Jim Weese the band will perform several Christmas selections while the Lady Troubadours, led by Mrs. Glinda Godwin, will sing Little Drummer Boy, No Room and Fear Not.

The speech class instructed by Mrs. Barbara Belisle will give the devotional and a choral reading.



### PRACTICING ROLES

Senior Mark Baker (l-r), junior Deborah Jones and freshman Cagle Rochester prepare for the play, "He Who Walks in Love." (Story p. 2)



Christmas is concert time--

## Band will march for State

MHS's Marching Troubadours are presently making plans to march in the Inaugural Parade, Jan. 15, for Governor Elect Fob James in Montgomery. The Troubadours and Thompson High's band will be Shelby County's representatives in the parade.

Last night MHS's concert band, directed by Mr. Jim Weese, presented its annual Christmas concert in Palmer Hall on the UM campus.

Selections included A Christmas Ballet, Le Sabre and a special arrangement by freshman Taylor Lawrence of Melding of Minds. Student teachers Mary Slack and Joe Terry directed two of the numbers.

## Seniors supply tree

The Christmas tree and holiday decorations in MHS's cafeteria were provided by the senior class officers, math teacher Doug Morris and the trigonometry class. This is an annual Christmas project by the seniors.

Tree decorations have been added by members of each senior class to complete the collection used this year.

## Visitors -- (Cont'd)

carol sings, basketball games and a special program at University of Alabama-Birmingham.

Mrs. Perkins says, "The Friendship Force is an opportunity for ordinary people to make a difference toward world peace through friendship with the peoples of the world.

## SC to provide new lawn furniture

Student Council is planning to replace the benches on MHS's front campus.

Gay Perkins, president of the council, appointed Leslee Belluchie, Deandrea Cole, Ann Frye, Buddy Holsombeck, Bret Jones, David Lash, Cindy Nash, Tina Sawyer and Monique VanLandingham to get the project underway.

## It's News Downtown--

### Garden clubbers decorate Home

Montevallo Evening Garden Club members visited Briarcliff Nursing Home Dec. 3 to help decorate a Christmas tree and to treat residents to refreshments.

Mrs. Mary Alice Ballentine supplied the tree. Dr. John Stewart's UM directing class sang Christmas carols.

Adult night classes will begin Jan. 16 at the Shelby County Area Vocational School.

Fees are \$40 per class, and 14 different courses are available.

## Drama group to enact play

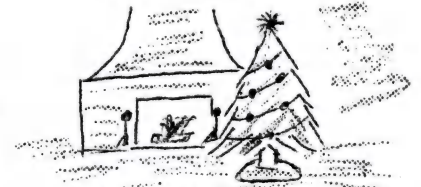
Monday the dramatics club will present a one-act play, "He Who Walks in Love," by Elizabeth B. Hellier, in the auditorium at 9:05. Admission is 50¢.

The beginning of the assembly includes a school singing of Jingle Bells and Joy to the World, led by Clare Golson.

Seniors Cliff Anderson and Lynn Sawyer will perform a scene from "My Fair Lady," prior to the play.

Portraying leading roles in the play are senior Buddy Holsombeck, junior Debra Jones, sophomore Kathy Kirkland and freshman Cagle Rochester.

Club sponsor Barbara Belisle will direct.



Lovelady's Sales and Service has furnished a large green Christmas tree for the outside wall of the Alabama Power solar building to be lighted at night along with other downtown decorations.

Shelby County's Association for Retarded Citizens is sponsoring the fourth annual "Operation Santa Claus" in the county.

To donate, one may call Mrs. Sue De Boer at 988-0484 before 2 p.m., Dec. 21. Gifts will be sent to Partlow State Mental School.



*Gillian Don  
on front page*

### HAVE A HAPPY ONE!

As the holiday season nears, thoughts turn to fun and family. The SPOTLIGHT staff wishes every MHSer a Merry Christmas. Staff members above (l-r) are editor Rene Davis, Earl Hayes, adviser Cathy Bearden, Kevin Hughes, Emily Steele, Karen Morris, Monique VanLandingham, Michelle Agee, Billy Brantley, editor Janet Hicks, Kenneth Bell and adviser Susie DeMent.

For faculty at lunch--

## 'Breaking' deemed essential

Although many students complain about teachers breaking in the lunch line, the instructors have been given the okay to do so by MHS's administration.

Principal W. C. Corbett made the decision a few years ago to let teachers "break" if they feel they need to. Mr. Corbett has recently pointed out four reasons which should help students understand the practice and the need for it.

They are: Each faculty member should be the last one to leave his room and lock it before going to the cafeteria. Instructors must supervise and make sure all their students are in the lunchroom (students are only responsible for themselves). Teachers must supervise the halls at the break. In addition, lunch is the only time many of the teachers have a chance to visit the restroom.

Different policies and procedures are issued for students and teachers due to various duties teachers have which sometimes make "privileges" necessary.

...Rene Davis

## Christmas means love

CHRISTMAS is one of the most special times of the year.

With it comes joy and happiness and feelings of brotherly love that are not so evident at so many other times during the remainder of the year.

Even though the holiday now has its commercialism, may everyone reserve a place for the simple peace and love that were born with a tiny babe over 2,000 years ago.

## Holiday absences would harm school

Even though Christmas holidays usually begin on Friday, MHSers have two more days left this year before vacation starts.

All students are encouraged to attend Monday and Tuesday of next week for these days count just as much as any others on the student's personal record.

In addition, absences hurt the entire school as the number of teachers assigned to each school depends on the average daily attendance.

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## Seniors will review math

by Glenn Anthony

Beginning second semester MHS seniors will start a new course, consumer related mathematics. Economics teacher George Lilly will devote three or four weeks of his economics class to teach this subject.

Percentages, interest rates, check writing and check book balancing will be taught along with multiplication, division, addition, and subtraction of decimals.

The purpose of this unit is to help students review mathematics skills that will be valuable in later life.

Mr. Lilly notes that the course will help students better understand the banking unit already a part of economics.

The class is the brain-child of guidance counselor Frances Anthony and Mr. Lilly who is currently enrolled in a Practicum in Education at UM. The two thought the unit was needed as some students have not taken math classes since they were in the 9th grade.

After learning of the new course, senior Leslee Belluchie commented, "I know it will help me; I'm glad we're doing it."

### Neighbor Notes--

## *Middle school has culture day*

University of Montevallo students from Malaysia, Nigeria, Greece and India recently visited social studies classes at Montevallo Middle School as part of an International Culture Day program.

Each of the visitors wore his country's traditional attire and discussed his native land with the students. Exhibits for all of the countries represented were prepared by members of the social studies classes.

Mrs. Othenia Turner was in charge of the International Culture Day activities.

Students at Montevallo Elementary School attended the Childrens Theatre performance last Tuesday at the University of Montevallo. The play, Bug Town Jubilee, was presented by the UM drama department.

## NHS observes holiday season

National Honor Society members celebrated the Christmas holidays early at the home of senior Leslee Belluchie.

According to president Rene Davis this was the first social get-together for the group this year.

Entertainment included air hockey, bumper pool, and "lots of eating."

Sponsor Frances Anthony prepared hot fudge sundaes for the society which has become an annual tradition at NHS parties.

"I had a good time even though I did eat too much," notes senior Karen Morris.

## Christmas Poem

by Karen Morris

The twinkle of lights,  
The laughter of a child  
Keep the time of year  
By ringing Christmas  
delights.

Carols sing out clearly  
Of a story we love dearly.  
We celebrate it yearly--  
The birth of Christ.

## Class works at many activities

Art students have completed various projects recently.

Four have helped add to the Christmas spirit at MHS by putting up bulletin boards for English teacher Barbara Belisle and democracy teacher George Lilly.

They are Amy Binion, Kathy Crowe, Eric Haggins and Earl Hayes.

In addition, Patrick Sims and David Underwood from the art class taught by Mrs. Ann Parker have been working on the set for the annual Christmas play to be presented next Monday.

As part of an art appreciation unit each student reported on a famous artist.

## Seniors pick colors

Seniors selected royal blue for caps and gowns according to class president Kevin Hughes.

In a vote taken in the homerooms Dec. 7 the color beat navy blue 64-5.

Tassels will be the traditional orange and blue with a gold "79".



As MHS celebrates--

## Christmas customs continue

CHRISTMAS IS A TIME FOR TRADITIONS and the holiday season at MHS is no exception. Older celebrations have given way to newer ones, yet the festive season has always been greeted in special ways at Montevallo.

The once popular class parties in which homerooms drew names and exchanged gifts were ended by the beginning of schoolwide programs where everyone shared alike. This yearly practice includes musical selections by the band and chorus and often dramatic readings by members of the speech class.

Other older traditions include a Christmas tree in the cafeteria, provided by Mr. Doug Morris and the senior class officers, and an annual faculty party.

Homeroom doors and bulletin boards are also decorated for the occasion.

A relatively new method of celebration is an annual Christmas production presented by the dramatics club under the direction of Mrs. Barbara Belisle.

## Math teacher builds new trophy cases

Two new trophy cases will replace those in the waiting area of Principal W. C. Corbett's office. The two now there will be placed in the hall of the main building.

According to Mr. Corbett math instructor Doug Morris will build the trophy cases due to high cost and long wait for commercial ones.

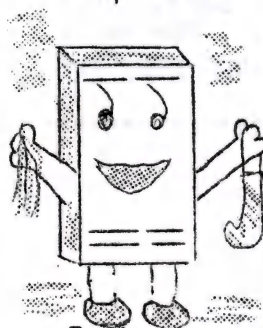
Mr. Morris will also replace the glass in the damaged trophy case in the front hall as well as construct four of the display cases for Thompson High School in Alabaster.

## Pictures arrive

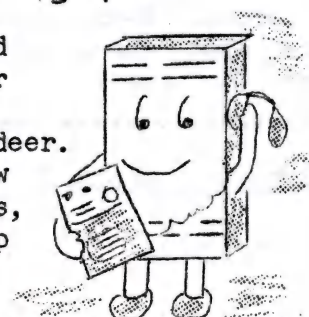
Representatives from Waldrup Photography Studios in Birmingham delivered senior portraits for approximately 70 seniors in an assembly Thursday.

## Locker Laughs--

### Repeated tunes bring pun



The school is filled  
With Christmas cheer  
As Santa "revs up"  
With his eight reindeer.  
The streets all glow  
With Christmas signs,  
And students come up  
With funny lines!



During a discussion about radio programming in 4th period democracy class teacher George Lilly commented about how radio stations continuously play the same songs.

"I really got burned out on 'Heat Wave,'" he observed.

In 2nd period senior English, Mrs. Susan Cochran was talking about homonyms when Beth Rochester asked, "Are there two kinds of pretty?"

Classmate Cathy Winslett giggled, "There's two kinds of soft and one kind of pretty."

## Silent Sounds 'sign' carols

The advanced sign language class at University Baptist Church, now known as "Silent Sounds," will literally sing "with" their hands this holiday season.

With senior Kathy Crowe leading, the group will go caroling, "signing" as well as singing Christmas tunes which include Rudolph, the Red Nosed Reindeer; Away in a Manger; It Came upon a Midnight Clear; and We Wish You a Merry Christmas.

In chemistry lab teacher Jim Hermecz explained that the "next test will be more problem related than the last one."

"So, if you're problem oriented, you should do well on it," he remarked.

During a discussion of the decapitation of Macbeth in college prep English class, someone made the comment that Macbeth had been a madman.

Senior David Lash defended the character quickly with, "It wasn't his fault; he just lost his head for a minute, that's all."



First meeting of year--

## Football men claim honors

Several Bulldogs ended the football season with honors.

Sam Purnell and Jerome Tolbert, Honorable Mention All-Staters by BIRMINGHAM NEWS, were also named to the Super All-County team picked by the SHELBY COUNTY NEWS staff.

Sam, Jerome, Marty Edleman and Kevin Hughes received All-County honors from the coaches of Shelby County; and Lee Clayton, Edd Green, Larry Holmes and Glen Jackson earned honorable mention on the same selection.

Jerome, Kevin and Sam were also named All Mid-State Conference.

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MHS beats Jemison, Marion--

## Season starts with 4 wins

by Kevin Lawley

The Bulldogs extended their record to 4-0 before going into the Mid-State basketball tournament with wins over Jemison at home and Francis Marion on the road.

After holding a 40-21 lead over Jemison at halftime, the Dogs fought off a 22-point third quarter surge by the Panthers, then went on to defeat the tough 3A opponent 58-49.

Earl Hayes was high point man for MHS with 20. Otto Fields put in 14 points; Kenneth Bell had 11. Jemison's best was Joe Smitherman with 15.

Bell led the way with a 24-point performance as MHS defeated Francis Marion 50-47 Dec. 1.

The Dogs took an early first quarter 16-12 lead and increased the spread by two more at halftime, 28-22. Even though the Rams outscored MHS 25-22 in the second half, the defending Area 7 champs could not come up with enough to win as Coach Kurt Pnazek's squad hung on for their fourth straight win of the season.

Stacy Turner was top scorer for the Rams with 14.

## 'Dogs take on Thompson

by Glenn Anthony

Thompson, fresh from winning the Mid-State Tournament will visit MHS tonight at Myrick Hall at UM. This is the first basketball meeting of the year for the two rivals. Montevallo holds a 4-1 record, with the only loss coming at the hands of Sylacauga in the first round of the Mid-State Tournament in Childersburg last week.

Thompson, undefeated so far, beat Sylacauga by six points to capture the Mid-State title.

The Dogs and Warriors met three times last year with the Bulldogs winning them all. The final meeting between the two was a thrilling come-from-behind 58-52 MHS victory.

Coach Kurt Pnazek is expecting "a good, tough game" tonight. The match follows a B-team game set for 6:30.

\*\*Bulldog Growls\*\*

## Cagers look like winners again

by Kevin Hughes

Athletics at MHS have been steadily giving the school a reputation as "the team to beat" in county, area, and even state competition.



Men's basketball claims the roots of this reputation, as the roundballers have sprinkled the trophy cases with state, county, and area trophies.

This year's squad is already proven winners and should produce many more victorious days for MHS fans.

The team is predominantly seniors who have good experience at their positions, and head floorman Coach Kurt Pnazek is proud of what he has seen so far and hopes for "improvement each week."

Going to state playoffs for six straight years set such a precedent that fans found it hard to take last year when the Dogs were upset in area play.

However, it's beginning to look like STATE again!



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## Abex aids math

Plans are underway for the annual Shelby County math tournament held at the University of Montevallo in the spring.

To help finance this meet, Abex Corporation in Calera has made a "sizeable" contribution to Montevallo High School's math (Cont'd p. 2)



THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT!

Band director Jim Weese discusses Inaugural Parade route with two Troubadours. Junior clarinetist Jennifer Dailey (r) smiles as trumpet and French horn section leader senior Stark Harbour exclaims, "I can't believe we've got to march three miles with these instruments."

## First semester closes today

With the 2:45 bell today the third six weeks as well as the first semester ends.

Exams for the past 18 weeks began Wednesday with tests in social studies and vocational studies. Yesterday marked math and science finals, and language arts and art exams are set for today.

Physical education, driver education, special education and band instructors had open days and could give finals on either of the three days.

Report cards will be given out next Friday, Jan. 19. The second semester begins Monday.

## Band will march in Inaugural Parade

MHS's award-winning band will participate in Governor-elect Fob James's Inaugural Parade Monday in Montgomery.

Band members will leave the Clara Neil Motel parking lot in Calera at 7:00 a.m. in chartered buses for the trip.

### County representative

The Troubadours, who will be representing Shelby County, will march approximately three miles, playing such selections as Love Boat and That's Entertainment.

According to band director Jim Weese the trip will be financed in part by the Shelby County Commission, which furnished \$300 toward the bus fee.

### Ball game helps

A basketball game with disc jockeys from a Birmingham radio station held Wednesday night also went toward expenses for the trip. The difference must be supplied by band boosters and band members according to Mr. Weese.

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For UM Scholarship--

## MHSers will audition

Seniors Cliff Anderson, Mark Baker, Karen Morris and Gay Perkins will participate in the University of Montevallo's Vocal-Choral Festival Jan. 20. The four MHSers will be auditioning for a scholarship to UM.

Each student trying for a scholarship is required to sing two selections before UM music staff members serving as judges.

Karen and Gay are presently members of the MHS chorus, and Mark plays the piano for the group.

In addition to the audition, students will be given a chance to sing with a Festival Chorus, made up of the UM Concert Choir and participating high school singers under the direction of guest conductor Michael Korn.

Korn is founder and musical director of the Philadelphia Singers.

A week later Karen, Mark and Cliff will take part in the National Association of Singing to be held at Samford University. Cliff won this competition in 1978.

## 4 seniors finish classes

Though May 24 is the day set for the graduation exercises, four MHSers complete their work today. These graduating seniors are James Brown, George Lovejoy, Patricia Sailes and Mary Pearl Silas.

"Even though they are finishing their classwork, these seniors will return for Commencement in May," explains guidance counselor Frances Anthony.

Other seniors are now "counting down," with only 87 regular school days remaining until the May 24 date.

Invitation orders will be placed Jan. 24 according to Kevin Hughes, class president.

### Abex aids--(Cont'd)

department according to Principal W. C. Corbett.

Math club sponsor Doug Morris notes that tests for the tournament are being prepared by county math instructors.

He added that MHS's math team hopes to participate in several other meets later in the year, including one at George C. Wallace Junior College in Selma.

## Vacation holds memories for 3

Christmas holidays 1978 proved to be memorable for three faculty members.

While visiting in Texas, phys ed teacher Dot Bishop crossed the border into Mexico. According to Miss Bishop the country is "very dirty," but she would like to go back to shop again.

American history teacher Danny Goggins journeyed to New Orleans for the Alabama-Penn State Sugar Bowl game, but he got a "first-hand" view of only the fourth quarter.

"I was unable to get a ticket, so I couldn't get in until then," explained Mr. Goggins.

Miss Jennifer Jones, history and English instructor, was married to Mr. Charles Williams in the couples' Forestdale home on Christmas Day.

### It's News Downtown--

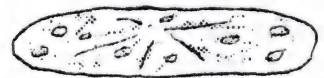
## Restaurant opens on Vine

Ranelli's Pizza at 129 Vine Street is now open. The new restaurant and delicatessen is under the management of Mr. Jerall Turner.

Centrala Garden Club selected four doors for awards in the Christmas door decorations contest.

Winners are: Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Barrow--Religious, Mr. and Mrs. John Galloway--Secular, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Cooper--Creative and Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Brown--Natural.

### RANELLI'S



Montevallo's depot, a local landmark, was destroyed by fire Saturday, Dec. 30. Origin of the fire is unknown.

The building, which housed the recreation department, the town library and Shelby County Community Theatre, was located in Orr Park.

Although much equipment was burned, most of the library books were removed without major damage and stored at City Hall. Books now checked out can be returned there.



## One more time!



Who is No. 1?--

## Playoffs would settle it!

The college football season has finally ended for the 1978 year. Bowl games are over and major polls have been released, with two national champions--Alabama, crowned by Associated Press and Southern Cal by UPI, the coaches' poll.

The Tide and followers claim No. 1 because of the Sugar Bowl victory over Penn State, which had been the only undefeated squad in 1978. Southern Cal takes the coaches' vote by having identical records with Alabama and defeating the Tide earlier in the season. So, once again, as has happened several times before, there are two national champions.

Division I college football is now the only division in NCAA that does not have a playoff system. The way major college football is divided into conferences, a playoff system could easily be arranged and then no one would doubt who is No. 1.

## Students start anew

A new semester offers a new opportunity to check values and reset goals.

Since today ends the first term, it closes the door on previous mistakes and academic shortcomings giving each student a fresh start toward accomplishing higher and more productive goals in 1979.

## Strike up the band

After hearing the stage band during the Christmas program, many MHSers were impressed with the group. Few members of the student body had heard the group perform before that time.

Perhaps, now that this band's quality has been displayed and accepted so well by MHSers, it should be given more opportunities to perform for the school.

Since no clubs are scheduled to meet on fifth Tuesdays, an activity period on the only remaining fifth Tuesday might be a good time for an assembly to see and hear the stage band "in concert" once more.

## Band would welcome aid

Merchants in Montevallo were pleased to hear that MHS's band was asked to participate in the Inaugural Parade in Montgomery Jan. 15. They were also quite insistent that the Troubadours accept the invitation.

Such an undertaking is quite a strain on the band's budget.

Perhaps now these businessmen would be willing to help meet the expenses of the trip. Donations may be made in MHS's main office.

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Next week at Pelham--

## Dogs will defend crown

MHS's BULLDOGS WILL DEFEND their county title against six other teams next week as the Shelby County basketball tournament gets underway Monday at Pelham High.

Seeded second, behind Thompson, the Bulldogs do not play until the third day of the meet. In the first games on Monday Shelby County meets Indian Springs at 7:00 and Chelsea plays Vincent at 8:30.

The second round on Tuesday matches the Shelby-IS winner with Pelham and sends the Chelsea-Vincent winner against Calera.

Thursday's action will find the second-round winners playing Thompson and Montevallo. The Warriors' game is at 7:00, with the Bulldogs meeting either Chelsea, Vincent or Calera at 8:30.

The championship match is scheduled for Friday at 8:30 with a consolation game at 7:00.

A B-team tournament will be in progress at the same time as the varsity meet. MHS's B's were seeded second also. Their first game is against Shelby County at 4:00 on Tuesday.

Calera won the top spot in seeding for B squads.

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--On the road tonight--

## MHS takes winning streak into Indian Springs match

Montevallo travels to north Shelby County tonight to take on Indian Springs. Though ISS has claimed only three victories this year, they "are improving every week," according to Coach Kurt Pnazeck. MHS goes into the match with a three-game winning streak.

Tuesday night the Bulldogs topped Shelby County at Montevallo 69-45. With nine men scoring for MHS, Kent Bell was leader with 17 points; Earl Hayes had 14. Henry Chapman led the losers with 17.

Last Friday at Jemison, Hayes collected three slam dunks in leading the 'Dogs past the Panthers 51-35. He scored 13, while teammate Otto Fields dunked in two as he scored 11. Dan Lee paced the Panthers with 21.

On the following night at MHS the Bulldogs blew by the Holy Family Tornados by 23 points. Hayes, Fields and Bell were leaders with 22, 13 and 12 points respectively, in the 67-44 victory. Coach Pnazeck termed the game "one of our best."

## Girls look to tournament

Coach Dot Bishop's female roundballers are looking toward the Shelby County Tournament, scheduled for Jan. 22-26 at Pelham High School.

The 'Dogs soared to a 5-1 record after defeating Moody High School 42-23 last Wednesday.

Upcoming games are:

Jan. 29--Thompson, here

Feb. 1--Selma, here

Feb. 6--Bibb County, here

--In Shades Valley Tournament--

## Montevallo breaks even

PLAYING IN the Shades Valley Invitational Tournament which involved mainly 4-A schools, the Bulldogs took the first round defeating Homewood 63-53.

In their second game, the 'Dogs were knocked out by West End, 69-49. The Lions went on to win the meet.

Hayes stands out

Earl Hayes, MHS's 6 ft. 5 in. forward, was named to the all-tournament team at the end of play Dec. 29.

To earn the honor, Earl scored 48 points in the two-nights' performance.

Bret Jones was Montevallo's second highest scorer with 19 points.

Dogs lose 2

Before the holidays MHS suffered two losses--both to 3A rivals, Bibb County and Thompson.

Bibb County claimed a 63-54 victory Dec. 12 to hand the Bulldogs their second defeat of the year.

Hayes led MHS with 12 points; Jones had 11 for second place in scoring.

Willie Green's game-winning shot as only five seconds remained gave the Warriors a 44-42 victory over the 'Dogs at Myrick Hall at UM Dec. 15.

Otto Fields was top MHS scorer; he had 14.



# 'I'd rather ride a horse'

by Monique VanLandingham

Riding and showing horses is a favorite pastime for senior Carol Knowles. Carol, who has been showing horses for three years, trains her own horses to be judged at various fairs and equestrian contests during the show season which usually begins in the spring and continues through September.



## Two-year old wins

So far she has been quite successful with her two-year old Appaloosa "Kawildgas Echo."

In halter classes the horse has received no less than fourth place and captured three first-place ribbons. He also earned two first-place titles in Western Pleasure.

## Bought from teacher

Kawildgas Echo was purchased from Jim Neighbors, a student teacher at MHS last semester.

"I enjoy showing; it's fun and exciting," Carol notes. She is now preparing for next season, hoping to show as early as February.

Carol is an active 4-H member.

# Snow heralds holidays' end

MHSers started the new year "white" as a thin blanket of snow covered most parts of the county Jan. 2.

The flurries continued throughout the morning, but the less-than-an-inch of snow melted by afternoon.

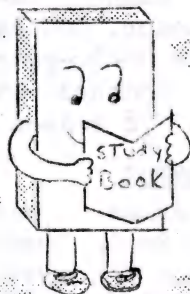
Schools were not affected this time as they have been in the past as students and teachers were already out of classes enjoying the last day of Christmas holidays.

# FFA earns \$200

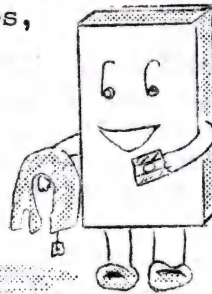
FFA recently finalized a citrus fruit sale which began in mid-November. According to FFA sponsor Dan Foshee it netted \$200.

## Locker Laughs--

# Analogies produce chuckle



With smiles and jokes,  
Giggles and grins  
Brought on by a  
Corny pun,  
There's always time  
For a locker laugh  
Though exams create  
Very little fun!



Mrs. Ann Parker's 1st period English class was discussing analogy forms when junior Larry Holmes said, "Two wrongs don't make a right."

Classmate Billy Perry piped, "Two Wrights did make an airplane."

While giving notes in sophomore English class, teacher Cathy Bearden instructed, "Skip one line and write commas."

"How many?" questioned sophomore Wade Bice.

# Hunting is 'game' for some

Hunting has long been an American pastime, and the deep South has become a hotspot for the white-tailed deer. Though many MHSers hunt, only a few have been lucky enough to bring home the "prize."

Senior sportsman Kevin Hughes claims one of the largest. He bagged an 8-point, 200 lb. buck.

Math teacher Doug Morris and sophomore Wade Bice hold the lead in number--each has two. Other successful hunters are junior James Lash, sophomores Eddie Key and Dereck Smith and freshman Rex Wallace.

While discussing the economy, Mr. George Lilly asked his class, "How can we buy TV's, automobiles and nice houses if we don't have a lot of money?"

"Charge it!" senior Beth Rochester replied.

Fourth period democracy class was discussing presidential elections.

When asked what day the elections were held on, senior Cliff Anderson had the answer ready, "Election day."



# Year proves eventful at Montevollo High

by Glenn Anthony

SCHEDULE CHANGES, IMPROVEMENTS, sports and band played a major role at Montevollo High School during the year of 1978.

Students and faculty members had to attend school on Saturdays last Spring to make up two days of school lost to snow and ice. A ten-minute break was also added to the daily schedule. In the fall, students returned from summer vacation to find a new parking lot and a remodeled auditorium at MHS.

## Winning Season

Even though the Bulldogs were county champions, last spring marked the first time in seven years that the basketball team did not compete in state playoffs.



The 'Dogs lost in the area finals to Francis Marion but were still able to mark a winning season.

Girls' basketball also got its start at Montevollo last year.

In addition, MHS sent both male and female representatives to the state track meet and a weightlifting team to the county meet.

The baseball team had a winning record but fell to Thompson in the first round of the county playoffs.



MHS students won nine medals (three gold) at the Special Olympics.

## Girls Win

Autumn brought a state championship to MHS. The girls' volleyball team won it all at the meet held at Jacksonville with two from MHS's squad making the all-tournament team.

The football team again won the area title and advanced to the state playoffs for a fourth straight year before losing to Elmore County, the eventual state champion.

The Bulldogs managed to do this even though their head coach Richard Gilliam suffered a broken leg in a sideline accident during the first game.

Coach Gilliam was also honored last January as a "Richard Gilliam" Day was proclaimed in Montevollo.

A special dinner was held in his honor, and he was named Coach-of-the-year by the county coaches at the end of the '78 season.

## Gym named

MHS's gymnasium was named for Miss Susie DeMent, longtime teacher and sports enthusiast at MHS. The dedication was made at Awards Day, May 12.

The cheerleaders who supported the teams all year took a superior rating at National Cheerleading Clinic at Auburn during the summer.



The band also had a banner year.

## Music fills the air

The concert band took top honors at state, and the marching Troubadours rated superior at the Troy State Marching Festival.

Forty-two members made all-county band and two, all-state.

After a slow start, the math team ended the year with a third-place finish at Jefferson State and the county math championship.

## Paper celebrates

The year also marked the 30th anniversary of MHS's award-winning mimeographed newspaper, SPOTLIGHT.



The journalism club celebrated the event with a banquet at Leo's in Birmingham.

Former staff members and sponsors were guests at the "birthday party."

## People spotlighted

During 1978 on SPOTLIGHT's front pages senior Rene Davis and Darrell Lawley (MHS '78) tied in the "name-game". Each claimed six stories.

Ninety-seven MHSers, former students, and faculty members were featured at least once on page 1 during the year. Six teachers and 39 students rated front-page pictures.



## Band plans *full opening* extra concert

A new performance has been added to the Troubadours' schedule. A winter concert is tentatively set for the last week in February according to director Jim Weese.

"The purpose of the extra concert is to prepare for district competition which is scheduled for the same week," Mr. Weese explains.

He adds, "Since the concert will be a practice session for the band, no admissions will be charged."

Among selections to be included on the program are Il Guarney and Coat of Arms.

The band also plans to have its regular spring concert held annually in Palmer Hall on the University of Montevallo campus.

With library dedication--

## Former principal to be honored

MHS's library will be dedicated to former Principal Guy Milford by the Class of 1963. A plaque will be presented to Mrs. Anne Milford in memory of her husband, Feb. 5, at a PTA meeting in the school's auditorium.

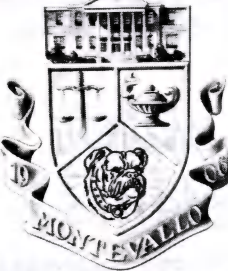

Mr. Herby Milstead, co-ordinator of the program for his classmates, says final details of the dedication have not been announced. He explains that the presentation of the honor was planned at a class reunion last summer at the home of '63 alumnus Doug Ballard.

Mr. Milford served as MHS principal from 1956-1969,

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### OFF TO A GOOD START

Freshmen who earned all A's for their first semester of high school work receive ribbons from National Honor Society representative Leslee Belluchie. Recipients are (l-r) Gladys Brasher, Taylor Lawrence, Beth Hughes, Ellen Arnold, Krislin Stewart, Gretchen Riesener, Robyn Perkins, Jeffrey Gentry and Rhonda Edwards.

NHS awards ribbons--

## Top scholars honored

ONE HUNDRED SEVEN students received rewards last Tuesday for their academic achievements in the first semester. Students who made 90 or above in every subject were named to the Principal's List and received blue ribbons. Red ribbons, denoting 2nd honor roll, went to 85.

Seniors earning 1st honors are Glenn Anthony, Mark Baker, Leslee Belluchie, Rene Davis, Janet Hicks, Gay Perkins, Emily Steele and Monique VanLandingham. The junior top scholars are Genea Abbott, Anita Bell, Ronnie Holsombeck, Ann Klemenc, Belinda Morris and Edna Williams.

Others making the list are sophomores Todd Austin, Clare Golson and David Melsoni and freshmen Ellen Arnold, Gladys Brasher, Rhonda Edwards, Jeffrey Gentry, Beth Hughes, Taylor Lawrence, Robyn Perkins, Gretchen Riesener and Krislin Stewart.

National Honor Society awarded ribbons.



## Cliff gets scholarship X

Senior Cliff Anderson won a \$2000 scholarship from the University of Montevallo at its Vocal-Choral Festival last Sunday. The annual festival is culminated with a concert given by UM concert choir in conjunction with the festival choir.

Cliff and MHS seniors Mark Baker and Karen Morris were part of the Festival Choir. They had to be chosen by their chorus teacher and attend an all-day practice session on Saturday.

Right before the high school group sang, the scholarship winner was announced.

"I thought I was going to faint when they called out my name," Cliff says. He plans to major in voice when he enters college.

## Principal (Cont'd)

and according to Principal W. C. Corbett was a devoted administrator, always concerned about the students. Mr. Corbett was coach and assistant principal during Mr. Milford's 13 year administration.

### Library concern

Mr. Corbett noted that Mr. Milford read a great deal and showed great interest in the school library and always encouraged his students to read.

Mr. Milford served MHS longer than any other principal thus far.

### Wife is librarian

Mrs. Milford was librarian at MHS 26 years. She retired in 1975 and lives in Montevallo.

In 1975-76 when the library was renovated and enlarged, the PTA financed the purchase of new furniture for it through a memorial fund in honor of Mr. Milford.

### Authors in the making--

## Students write about love

Mrs. Frances Anthony's college prep English class recently was assigned the task of writing an original piece of literature on the subject of love. The group discussed different kinds of love and studied works of several authors before attempting to create an essay, poem or short story of their own.

The culmination of the unit came Tuesday when the completed papers were handed in and some were read aloud to the class.

To give the students an idea of how the assignment was to be done, Mrs. Anthony read some examples of work done by former MHS students, including teacher Cathy Bearden's poem entitled "Love, Who Knows," written when she was an MHS senior.

## PTA to watch MHS talents

The Feb. 5 PTA meeting will be held in the MHS auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

The program will include numbers by the band and chorus, selections from the speech and drama class and Spanish class.

PE students will perform gymnastic stunts.

In addition MHS library will be dedicated to former Principal Guy Milford.

### With solos and ensembles--

## Band students will compete

Tomorrow band students from District IV (Jefferson, St. Clair and Shelby Counties) will participate in the Solo and Ensemble Contest at UM. Twenty-one judges will rate brass, percussion, string and woodwind performances. "Superior" soloists and ensembles earn medals.

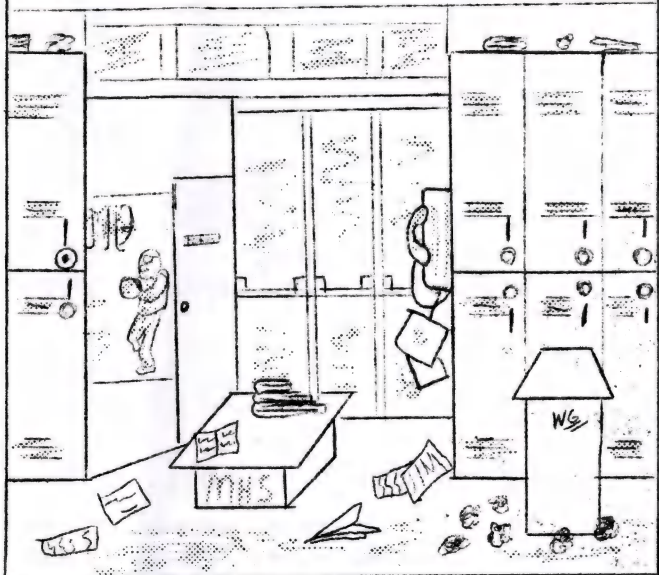
MHS band director, Jim Weese, chairman of the event this year, feels "the contest will let students get a critical musical evaluation of their abilities to perform and improve interest in individual and small group performances."

## Adults study

MHS home ec teacher Junnie Craig is teaching a night sewing class of 13 adults. They meet once a week on Tuesday from 6 to 9 p.m. "Later," says Mrs. Craig, "they'll begin to work two nights a week." Cost is \$20.



## Is MHS heading in this direction?



To the editor--

## Merchants help band

Dear Editor:

In the last issue of SPOTLIGHT an opinion was voiced about the Troubadours' recent trip to the Inaugural Parade and the merchants of Montevallo.

Since Montevallo businesses were very much in favor of the band's participation in the event, some had feelings that the merchants should help provide funds for the trip.

Every year many merchants provide numerous services for the band. The purchase of uniforms and band advertisements are annual contributions. In addition, a number of the businesses participated in the recent "Band-Aid" Day.

These acts should be remembered the next time the Troubadours make a trip.

...Kevin Hughes

## Students shun responsibility

It appears that some students have a lack of interest in the appearance of MHS.

The bathrooms are no longer as clean as they should be. This is not in any way the maids' fault, for they thoroughly clean the restrooms each day. It can, however, be blamed on the student body. Some students do not even bother to flush the toilets or throw their garbage in trash cans.

In addition, they also don't mind littering the halls with papers rather than discarding them in wastebaskets where they belong. Some have been guilty of kicking and scarring the walls throughout the school.

Perhaps fellow students could encourage those who commit such acts to help uphold MHS's image of being a clean, neat school. If this fails, then the administrator may have to become involved in an area which it seems students should manage themselves.

## Teams praised

MHS commends Coach Kurt Pnazek for leading the B team and varsity in championship performances in the county tournament.

Praise also goes to the varsity and B cheerleaders who kept the spirit high.

## Governor promises change

January 15 marked the end of an era for Alabama. For the first time in almost two decades a Wallace was not the elected governor of Alabama.

Mr. Forrest "Fob" James won the governor's race with promises of cutting government spending and back to basics in education. WE only hope his campaign slogan, "A new beginning," will benefit all Alabamians.

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## Unit to include trips, projects

The family living class is looking toward a unit on home management.

According to teacher Rose Ellen Hankins the group will begin the unit next week which will include a visit to a furniture store and to a real estate agency.

During the study, the class will also deal with finances and insurance and give the students a chance to discuss decorating with an interior decorator.

Students will also complete projects on home improvement.

Mrs. Hankins says the final section will be on qualification for jobs in the home management field.

## Students to see film

All freshmen English classes will leave after homeroom today to view the movie production of Romeo and Juliet at the Falcon Theater. The ninth graders studied the Shakespeare play on which this movie is based.

Teachers Delilah Robinson and Jennifer Williams will accompany the group. They will return to MHS by 11:00.

## Careers group plans field trip

Health careers club members will visit the Regional Technical Institute at the University of Alabama in Birmingham and tour University Hospital Jan. 31. According to club president Emily Steele this will be the organization's first "outing."

Mr. Jim Hermecz, club sponsor, will accompany the group on the field trip.

## Typing students build speed

Typing trophies are a big part of the annual Awards Day honors. Each year at the event held in May, awards go to boys and girls who rank first and second in speed in beginning typing and to the top advanced student.

According to business teacher Susie DeMent first semester speeds are "indicators" for those students who will be possible contenders. "Although," she adds, "sometimes there are 'late bloomers' who spring forth about March."

The top five girls in first year typing at present are Clare Golson (55), Anita Bell (54), Lynn Sawyer (47), Edna Williams (46) and Ellen Arnold (45).

Males ranking highest for first semester are Rodney Thrift (44), Eddie Key (40), Wade Bice (38), Curtis Peoples (38) and James Green (37).

Belinda Morris (70), La-Nell Crocker (59) and Vicki Crowson (58) are the leading advanced students.

## MHS hosts Board

Shelby County Board of Education held its most recent meeting in the MHS library Tuesday night.

Due to a new policy the Board meets in various communities throughout the county rather than at one location.

Chelsea High will host the February session.



## UM gives MHS parade photos

A framed memento featuring three shots of MHS Troubadours in the Inaugural Parade is displayed in the main office. Later it will be hung in the band room.

Dr. Joe Brindley, UM vice president for public affairs, presented the pictures to Principal W.C. Corbett on behalf of UM President Dr. Jim Vickrey.

Dr. Vickrey and Dr. Brindley represented UM at the inauguration of Governor Fob James and made the pictures while viewing the parade.

## Senior visit set

MHS's seniors will tour N. F. Nunnelle State Technical College Feb. 8. The group will see the school grounds and eat lunch on campus.

According to guidance counselor Frances Anthony the seniors will return to MHS for sixth period.

Transportation for the annual trip is provided by Nunnelle.



# School awaits 'prediction'

Next week MHSers will be waiting to see if the ground hog comes out of his winter sleep and sees his shadow predicting six more weeks of winter.

Legend says the small animal sticks his head out of his home in the ground and looks around on Feb. 2. If the sun is shining, he sees his shadow, is frightened and crawls back into his hole. This indicates that cold weather will last six more weeks.

If the day is cloudy, the ground hog won't see his shadow and will stay out of his hole, indicating that winter is on its way out and spring will arrive soon.



## Class gives orders

Wednesday MHS seniors met with a Balfour Engraving Company representative to place orders for graduation invitations, memory books, class keys, and appreciation folders.

Delivery date is mid-April.

# MES to hold paperback fair

Montevallo Elementary School's annual Paperback Book Fair is scheduled for Feb. 5-8. "The main purpose of the fair is to motivate the ownership of good books," explains Principal Doris Jeter.

MES recently gained a new first grade teacher, Mrs. Helen Mims. According to Mrs. Jeter the addition was to relieve an overcrowded enrollment.

Ten UM student teachers are presently stationed at MES for ten weeks.

# 10th graders visit SCAVC

MHS sophomores toured the Shelby County Vocational School last Thursday to help students decide whether they have an interest in classes offered there.

The visit is part of a career unit taught in English 10. Mrs. Cathy Bearden's classes are now studying various occupations, and Mrs. Ann Parker's and Mrs. Barbara Belisle's will do so soon.

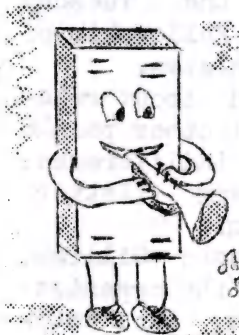
Guidance counselor Frances Anthony coordinates the study.

The unit includes a career notebook in which students research three careers, interview workers and report their results of Kuder General Interest Survey.

The purpose of the Kuder is to help locate the fields in which the students have most interest.

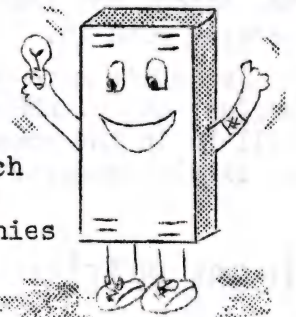
## Locker Laughs---

# Title doesn't fit relative



The basketball team  
Is looking fine,  
And the band sounds  
Better all the time.

Fob's inaugural speech  
Is over and done  
And Locker Laugh funnies  
Are still the one.



Discussing one of his relatives, junior Ronnie Holsombeck said, "She's my great aunt." After a moment he added, "But she's not that great of an aunt."

How often are seats in the House reapportioned?" asked democracy instructor George Lilly.

Senior Marty Eddleman said, "Every two years."

"No, every ten years," Mr. Lilly corrected.

"I thought you asked how often the seats were re-upholstered," explained Marty.

At a recent basketball game senior Buddy Holsombeck asked cheerleader Ann Frye what happened to her arm.

"I burned it on a light bulb," Ann replied.

Senior Lee Clayton piped, "That was bright."

Seniors Cathy Winslett and Carol Knowles were riding around in Carol's mother's car one night.

Suddenly realizing the size of the car, Cathy exclaimed, "Carol, your front is longer than my whole car."



# Girls, juniors play in meets

MHS female roundballers will play the winner of the Holt-Thompson game tonight in the Bibb County Invitational Tournament at Centreville. Last night, they fought Chelsea in the final round of the battle for the Shelby County championship at Pelham. (Results of the game not in at printing time.)

The Lady 'Dogs and the junior high squads saw action in their county tournaments earlier this week as the juniors advanced to the semi-finals before losing to Thompson 49-46, and the girls advanced to the championship round edging Thompson 37-34. Valerie Anderson led MHS's scoring with 22 points.

## Chelsea-Pelham

Chelsea defeated Pelham to earn their berth in the finals against Montevallo. The 'Dogs had defeated the Hornets twice this year in regular season play prior to last night's matchup.

## Tolbert saves it

In first round action in junior competition the Bullpups defeated SCHS 43-41. Eric Tolbert hit the game-winning shot at the buzzer.

Troy Rutledge came off the bench to lead MHS in scoring with 18.

Tonight's game at Bibb begins at 6. MHS's girls will be in the consolation or finals tomorrow night.

## Team watches pros

Members of MHS's tennis team attended the Birmingham International Indoor Tennis Tournament at the Birmingham Civic Center last Friday. The tournament was from Jan. 15-21.

Jimmy Connors, tennis' No. 1 player, once again walked away with the BIITT championship and \$30,200 for his fifth year to win the No. 1 title.

"I believe it was very beneficial for our team members to see the professionals in action," says tennis team captain Cliff Anderson.

## Chaplain speaks at FCA meeting

MHS football team chaplain Larry Acton was guest speaker at the Tuesday meeting of Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

He talked about relationships with other people and the part indifference, criticism and flattery plays in them.

Coach Richard Gilliam, sponsor of the organization, comments, "Mr. Acton was an inspiration to the whole group."

Senior Edd Green heads MHS's FCA as president.

## County action continues

The Bulldogs will see plenty action this weekend as they take on two county opponents.

Tonight they will be traveling to Columbiana to play the Wildcats, whom they beat earlier in the season, 69-45, and then they go to Pelham tomorrow to battle the Panthers in the first-ever MHS-PHS regular season game.

Coach Kurt Pnazek comments that the Bulldogs will "really have to be on the alert since both teams will be after 'the county champions.'"

Next week the 'Dogs have two home games-- Francis Marion comes on Tuesday and Vincent visits Friday.

## Bulldog Growls--

## MHS rates 'best' again

by Kevin Hughes

It came down to who is the best in county basketball last Friday as Thompson and Montevallo shot it out at Pelham High.



The Warriors were seeded first and MHS was rated second by the county coaches. As everyone expected, the No. 1 and 2 teams squared off for the final night.

The Warriors were favored since their record showed only one loss with a victory over MHS.

But Montevallo went in to the contest defending champs and showed no signs of giving up the crown, as the fans in Pelham's gym didn't see a dull moment during the match.

Coach Kurt Pnazek was "more than happy," and he should be. His Bulldogs stopped a good Thompson team, taking the county title a second consecutive year.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Bulldogs, Coach Pnazek and MHS for being the best!





### COUNTY'S BEST

At the close of the county basketball meet at Pelham, coaches selected all-tournament teams. Earning the honor for MHS were (l-r) David Melsoni and Dennis Shepherd, B-Team; Otto Fields and Earl Hayes (MVP), varsity.

## MHS blasts ISS

Eight 'Dogs scored as MHS routed Indian Springs 98-34 at Helena Jan. 12.

Exploding for 35 points in the third period, Montevallo went into the final stanza ahead 84-24. But, needing only two points to break the MHS scoring record (99), the 'Dogs went ice cold in the last two minutes and couldn't reach the 100 mark.

At halftime Montevallo was up by 3, then opened the lead to 7 at the end of the third period and went on to win by 9.

To reach the finals top-seeded Thompson passed Pelham 60-48, while MHS, seeded second, clobbered Calera, 80-44.

### B's beat Calera

Dennis Shepherd scored 17 points and Dereck Stewart hit 15 to pace the B team championship game which was a come-from-behind overtime victory over Calera, 47-46.

In earlier rounds Montevallo defeated Shelby County 44-23 and Pelham 30-25.

### All-tournament picked

Following the meet, coaches involved named all-tournament teams.

## PE classes begin new activities

Badminton, bowling and table tennis are new activities in physical education this six weeks. Classes are divided into two groups--one for badminton and table tennis and another for bowling. Three weeks will be given to each division.

Under the direction of Coach Richard Gilliam temporary bowling alleys have been marked off in the gym. Ping pong tables and badminton courts are set up in the auditorium. According to Coach Dot Bishop a system of tournaments has been planned for doubles in table tennis for each class. "Hopefully," she says, "class winners will be able to compete after school."

# Bulldogs dominate county basketball

by Kevin Lawley

FOR THE SECOND STRAIGHT YEAR Coach Kurt Phazek's MHS Bulldogs laid claim to basketball supremacy in Shelby County as both varsity and B teams came away from the tournament at Pelham with first-place trophies.

The varsity topped Thompson 54-45, and the B team outshot Calera 47-46 in an overtime title bout.

### Lead most of the way

Winning first place was not easy for the varsity, but it was decisive.

After one quarter the 'Dogs were down 11-10 but jumped ahead 14-11 at the beginning of the second period and never lost the lead again.

B teamers David Melsoni and Dennis Shepherd and varsity player Otto Fields earned the honor for MHS.

Earl Hayes shared Most-Valuable-Player recognition with Willie Keith of Thompson.

Over the past seven years the county finals have matched Thompson and MHS. The Bulldogs have claimed the title four of those years.



## NEAS test set for Feb. 14

Students interested in engineering careers should register for the National Engineering Aptitude Search Test according to guidance counselor Frances Anthony. The test helps students find their abilities in the technical engineering field. In addition, students can improve their chances for college scholarship aid with the exam.

Sponsored by the Junior Engineering Technical Society, the test will be given nationally during January and February. It will be administered at MHS Feb. 14.

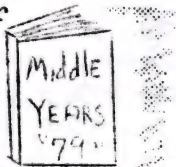
MHSers taking the NEAS may also receive the Self-Directed Search. This is a self-administered test requiring approximately two hours that students usually take at home.

The fee for the NEAS test alone is \$5 per student; for both NEAS and SDA the fee is \$6.50.

### Neighbor Notes--

## MMS orders 135 yearbooks

An order for 135 copies of the middle school's yearbook, MIDDLE YEARS, has been sent to the publisher.



According to MMS secretary Jane Jones delivery date is Apr. 1.

UM instructor Bob Lightfoot was guest speaker at the Junior Humane Society meeting Jan. 24.

The speaker's pet ferret (a mink-like animal) also attended the meeting.

Coach Ott Knight directs recreational basketball for 35 middle school age boys. The group plays two nights a week at the middle school gymnasium.

## Old refreshment stand 'passes'

City manager Don Hughes and city workers recently removed the old concession stand from MHS's baseball field. The building was "becoming a dangerous nuisance" according to Principal W. C. Corbett and was "almost beyond repair."

City employees commented that the electrical wiring was bad going into the building and the roof was caving in.

No plans have been announced yet for the construction of a building to replace the stand.

## HERO hears speech expert

Mrs. Sylvia Davis of the speech and hearing department at the University of Montevallo visited the child care branch of HERO at the Shelby County Vocational Center Jan. 15.

She showed the group a filmstrip on how a child can be tested for loss of hearing and explained several symptoms to watch for to spot a child with a speech or hearing problem.

According to Mrs. Davis UM's program covers Shelby and Chilton Counties.

## Library grows

Several new books and magazines are available in the library.

According to librarian Joe Brady the ten new periodicals include Art News, Black Stars, 4 Wheeler and Tennis. Approximately 50 new books were also added to the library recently.

"These should be an asset to the library," notes Mr. Brady.

## Berea offers summer program

Berea College is sponsoring a summer program for "Rising High School Seniors" June 10-July 7. The program is offered to high school juniors who will be seniors next year.

There will be four-week classes in wildlife biology, creative writing, astronomy and mathematics. A graphic arts course will be offered for one week. The cost, including room and board, insurance, health and activity fees, is \$153 for the four-week courses; \$45 for the one-week course. Some financial aid is available.

For further information, students may write the director of the program in which they are interested at Berea College, Berea, KY 40404.



Cliff, Karen win--

## 2 seniors rank tops

SENIORS CLIFF ANDERSON and Karen Morris are state champs. They were winners in the Alabama competition of the National Association of Voice Teachers and Students held at Samford University Jan. 27.

Cliff sang "Selve, Amiche" by Caldare, "Where'er You Walk" by Handel and "The Vagabond" by Williams to win the Advanced Boys Division. University of Montevallo instructor Benjamin Middaugh is his teacher.

Karen, a student of Mrs. Glinda Godwin, was named winner in the semi-final round, eliminating the need for finals in Girls first-year division. She sang "Se tu m'ami, se sospiri" by Pergolesi and "Sometimes I Feel like a Motherless Child" arranged by Burleigh.

The next step is regional competition Mar. 2-3.




DO-RE-MI . . .

Keeping in tune, singers Karen Morris and Cliff Anderson get together in a practice session at MHS.


State NAVTS winners both will next try for region honors at Auburn University Mar. 2-3.

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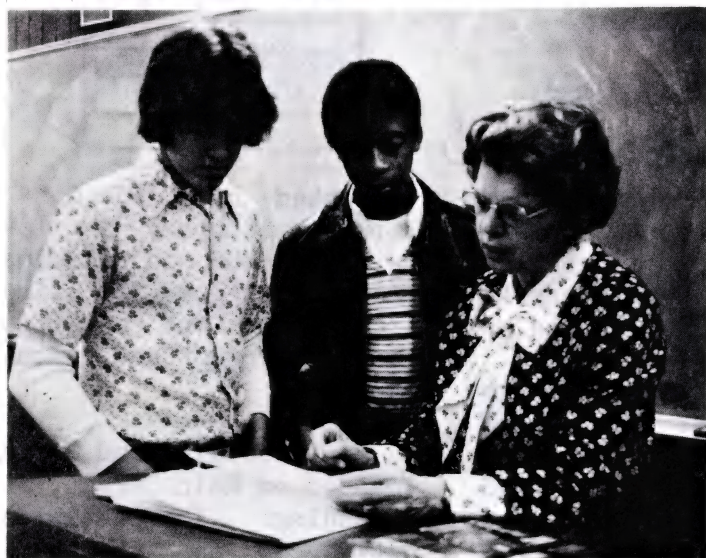
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HOW ABOUT SPEECH?

Guidance counselor Frances Anthony discusses classes available for 1979-80 with sophomores Steve Belcher and Michael Cottingham (l-r) as the two think toward the early pre-registration.

## School readies for early pre-registration

MHSers WILL PRE-REGISTER for the 1979 - 80 school year "sometime this month"--nearly two months earlier this year--Principal W.C. Corbett says. New County School Superintendent Charles Knowles has asked all schools in the county to get their schedules set so he can review them.

All principals will then meet with Mr. Knowles and county curriculum coordinator Evan Major to decide if all classes can be justified.

In preparation for pre-registration, MHS counselor Frances Anthony visited the 8th grade at the Middle School to explain choices for making their schedules for the freshman year. She explained MHS's three courses--general, vocational, and college-bound plans.



Musicians stay busy--

# 10 will try for All-State

TOMORROW SEVERAL MHSers will try out for the All-State Band in competition at Gardendale High School. They are Todd Austin, Chassie and Stark Harbour, Taylor Lawrence, John and Tommy Owen, Gay Perkins, Lynn Sawyer, Shawn Spicer and Gerald Walker.

These students will be required to play three prepared studies, 12 major scales and arpeggios, and two minor scales, as well as one sight-reading piece.

Several band members will be pinning new medals on their uniforms as a result of the Solo and Ensemble Contest at UM Jan. 27 at which 39 schools competed.

According to contest chairman Jim Weese 30 medals were awarded to various MHS groups and soloists after 45 Troubadours competed. "I was pleased with the performances of our students," Mr. Weese comments.

## UM students visit classes

New observers from UM arrived last Monday to see MHS in action.

The "preprofessionals" who are enrolled in Education 101 are the second class of college freshmen and sophomores to be assigned to MHS this year.

Although there are 15 future teachers, only 5 will be at MHS each Monday afternoon. The others will be at Montevallo Elementary and Montevallo Middle Schools. After four weeks they rotate until each group visits all schools.

According to instructor Tommie Ruth Blackwell observers will help teachers with non-teaching, clerical duties in addition to watching teaching methods.

By SACS since 1923--

## Accreditation granted

MHS, accredited by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools since 1923, received its certificate of accreditation for the current school year Jan. 30 according to Principal W. C. Corbett.

Some of the standards a school is required to meet in order to be accredited by the association are certified teachers, classes with less than 35 students--except in PE or band--and \$2.50 per pupil spent on library books each year.

The school is also accredited by the State Department of Education according to Mr. Corbett.

## Prom plans made

Eleventh graders are making final plans for the Junior-Senior Prom, Apr. 14, at the Hyatt House in Birmingham, according to class president Bret Jones.

A disc-jockey from one of the Birmingham radio stations will provide the entertainment.

Teachers Cathy Bearden, Barbara Belisle and Danny Goggins are advisers.

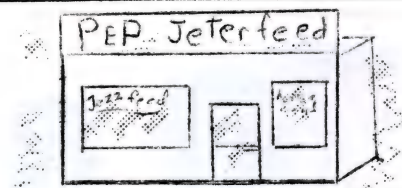
It's News Downtown--

## Seed store relocates on 25

Mr. Pep Jeter's feed and seed store, which was on Main Street, is now located on Hgwy. 25 across from Galloway's Gas Sta.

The 61st annual College Night will be held at UM Feb. 14-17. Gold leaders are Patricia Corbett (MHS '75) and Butch Belcher and Purple leaders are Sharron Parks and Mike Dillard.

A new fire building is under construction in Pea Ridge. The facility being

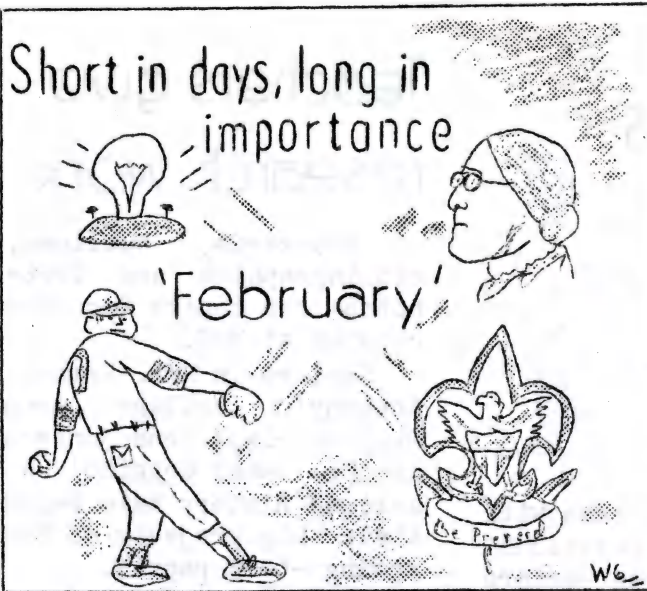


completed by Cadle Construction Company is located by the old building and will house two fire trucks for the Pea Ridge Fire Department and Rescue Squad.

Lacey Jewelry and Gifts, located on Main Street, is expanding. The partition between it and the store previously called The Music Box is being removed.

According to Mrs. Billie Lacey the expansion is to modernize the store and create more space.





To visiting speaker--

## Students show disrespect

AT A RECENT ASSEMBLY featuring a weightlifter who gave an exhibition and presented his testimony, students were not as attentive as they should have been. Some MHSers neither listened to the speaker nor watched the demonstration.

It is a privilege for MHSers to be able to have such programs and students should not abuse them.

The guilty ones should realize that conduct like that displayed at the program Tuesday is not only rude to the guest, but it is embarrassing to those sponsoring the event.

Since the program was optional, those not interested should have remained in their homerooms.

## Unusual terms emerge for titles

The interest in women's rights is affecting men as well as women.

Law makers in Wisconsin have developed new terms to conform to the Women's Equal Rights Bill: "himmer" would be substituted for him and her, "hisser" for his and her and "she" and "he" would be "s-he."

A recently published grammar suggests new titles for men rather than replacing Miss and Mrs. with Ms. Mr (pronounced murm) is suggested for married men and Smr (smur) is given for the single man.

Such examples show how some parts of the women's movement are ridiculous.

## Month boasts leaders

WHAT DO TWO BASEBALL PLAYERS, a Western hero, an inventor, three presidents, a writer, a Woman Suffrage leader and the Boy Scouts, Inc., have in common? They were all born in February.

Each has made history in his own area. In baseball Hank Aaron (Feb. 5) and Babe Ruth (Feb. 6) set records. Buffalo Bill (Feb. 26) is known for his work in taming the West; and Thomas Edison (Feb. 11), an inventor, has made life much more comfortable.

The writer, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (Feb. 27), is responsible for works that have been enjoyed for years. Susan B. Anthony (Feb. 15), Woman Suffrage leader, led the fight for female rights.

Boy Scouts, Inc., (established Feb. 8) has been a part of shaping the character of many men.

## Changes needed

Alabama Legislature is attempting to rewrite the state's constitution. This is long overdue, since the present one has been amended 371 times since it was written in 1901.

Hopefully the Legislature will be successful and voters will approve a more modern document to govern the state.

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Journalism I students added--

## Newspaper staff grows

SECOND SEMESTER BROUGHT several staff changes for SPOTLIGHT. Senior Janet Hicks has taken over as editor-in-chief due to the resignation of Rene Davis who served as co-editor with Janet until Jan. 15. Rene cites "personal reasons" for leaving the post.

"She said the yearbook, for which she is editor, needed more of her time," says SPOTLIGHT adviser Cathy Bearden.

Journalism I students got their shot at jobs with the paper as those who wished tried out for positions. Eighteen were approved by Mrs. Bearden. Three seniors earned editor rank; they are Glenn Anthony and Gay Perkins (News) and Kathy Hegwood (Features).

Junior assistant editors are Ronnie Holsombeck, Kevin Lawley, Beverly Lilly and Luann Moody.

Eleven new reporters were also selected. These are sophomore Susan Shinnick and juniors Tina Barrow, Rhonda Davis, Clay Fowler, Brett Jones, Cindy Nash, Billy Perry and Randy Steele and seniors Amy Binion, Ann Frye and Cathy Winslett.

New staff members were invited to join the journalism club, and an initiation was held for them last Saturday night.

## Woodwork begun

Agribusiness students are now involved in a wood working course.

Instructor Terry Foshee says all the first and second year students will make bookends, while third and fourth year students will construct tool boxes.

The students will use all hand tools on their projects which will be made in the ag shop.



## Nurse lectures home ec class

As a part of Mrs. Junnie Craig's specialized home economics class's study of prenatal care, Shelby County health nurse Kay Wildman was guest speaker Monday. Her topic was birth control.

"The information Mrs. Wildman provided will acquaint the students with means of controlling the family size and make them aware of the physiological functions of the female reproductive system," Mrs. Craig says.

## Students to view classic

Juniors and seniors will leave school today after homeroom to see the latest movie version of Shakespeare's Macbeth.

Mrs. Frances Anthony's college prep English class has already analyzed the play and Mrs. Ann Parker's senior class will study it later this year.

Mrs. Anthony explains that the juniors are going this year since the film may not be available next year. The movie will be shown at the Falcon Theater. Price is \$1.25. Students will return to MHS by 10:45.

## Teachers give research work

Notecards, outlines, bibliographies and footnotes are topics for discussion at MHS.

Seniors in Mrs. Frances Anthony's college prep English class and juniors in Mr. Danny Goggins' American history have begun their big projects of the spring--term papers.

Mrs. Anthony's students can select the topic for their paper, while the juniors' papers must be about history of the United States after 1850.

Past papers in Mrs. Anthony's class have dealt with hypnosis, birth control and witchcraft while research in history last year discussed subjects ranging from the discovery of gold in California to the USS Pueblo.

Both teachers agreed that the reason for the papers is to give students experience in writing.

"It will be an invaluable experience for those who intend to go on to college next year," notes Mrs. Anthony.





# Valentine is time for love

by Susan Shinnick

FEBRUARY 14 MEANS something different to everyone. This is true at MHS where students and teachers have their ideas about the day. According to some MHSers Valentine's Day is a time for . . .

"expressing love to family and friends that would otherwise go unsaid"- senior Karen Morris.

"a very special love"-sophomore Tammy Whitfield.

"getting hearts full of candy"-freshman Lisa Nix.

"wanting red roses and not getting them"-junior Deandrea Cole.

"family love"-teacher Delilah Robinson.

"letting someone know you care"-freshman Rhonda Walker.

"spending time with your boyfriend"-sophomore Jill White.

"showing love you really feel"-freshman Ellen Arnold.

"a day of love and happiness"-sophomore Tina Sawyer.

## MHSers enroll at University

Seniors Cliff Anderson, Leslee Belluchie, Gay Perkins and junior Brenda Kuhnelt have begun college studies at UM while still attending MHS.

Cliff, enrolled in music theory, will go into a field of music when he officially enters college while Gay takes intermediate Spanish and Leslee trigonometry to prepare for engineering at Auburn.

Brenda, who plans to graduate early, is studying chemistry and philosophy in addition to her courses at MHS.

## Groundhog hides

Winter will hang around five more weeks if the nation's official groundhog at Punxsutawney, Penn., is correct. Seeing his shadow Feb. 2, he returned to his burrow to await spring.

### Singer joins act--

## Weightlifter speaks, performs

Mr. Tom Owens, champion of the Christian powerlifting team, spoke at an assembly sponsored by FCA Jan. 30. A graduate of the University of Alabama-Birmingham, Mr. Owens holds a Master's degree in criminal justice.

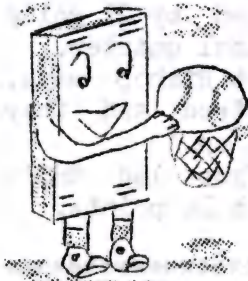
He now operates the King's Ranch in Chelsea, a Christian home for boys. Mr. Owens told of his Christian life and demonstrated his powerlifting ability.

Songwriter Robin Taylor performed one of his songs and accompanied himself on the guitar. The program also included a prayer by senior Bret Jones and scripture reading by senior Buddy Holsombeck.

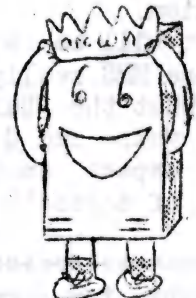
Coach Richard Gilliam is FCA sponsor at MHS.

### Locker Laughs--

## Presidents cause chuckle



The basketball men  
Hold the county crown;  
The band plans contests  
All around.  
The freshmen study  
Romeo and Juliet,  
And your locker laughs  
Are the funniest yet.



While discussing Student Council junior Kevin Lawley questioned, "wonder who'll be the president next year?"

Junior Billy Perry came back quickly, "Jimmy Carter."

Juniors Linda Clark and Michelle Mayhall were discussing whether or not Michelle should go to vocational school next year.

When Linda asked Michelle if she'd want to take drafting, Michelle

asked, "Does that mean I'd have to go overseas?"

In history junior Ronnie Holsombeck asked if anyone knew where Robert E. Lee was buried.

"In a graveyard," said Earl Campbell.

"What is a reducing atmosphere?" asked senior Kevin McCoy.

"The room in which the weight watchers meet," replied teacher Jim Hermecz.



Bulldog Growls--In tournament play--Football team  
looks to spring

by Kevin Hughes

Believe it  
or not it's  
that time  
of year  
again.



It's time to start thinking about that final day of March when the county takes a look at next year's crop of high school football players. That's when the annual spring jamboree will be held.

Preparation drills for MHS are only a week away and the pads and regular practice not much farther down the road.

Between 40 and 50 boys are expected out at MHS this spring, including a "fine bunch of freshmen from the junior team" according to Coach Richard Gilliam.

It will be some time before MHS really gets to see what the Bulldogs of next year can do, but we can expect another good year of football at MHS.

\*\*\*\*\*  
Tonight, tomorrow--

## Vital games await 'Dogs

This weekend could prove "big" for MHS's basketball team--two victories would give them an 18-4 record just three games away from the area tournament.

Pelham comes tonight for a return match after the 'Dogs took the Panthers 57-50 earlier this season. Tomorrow night the Thompson Warriors challenge the Bulldogs a third time this year. With one win each in the series, the two teams look for a "big one." The game, scheduled for Thompson, has been moved to the University of Montevallo to accommodate the expected crowd.

Coach Kurt Pnasek says, "They're all big games to us. We'll play them one at a time, and Pelham is just as important as Thompson."

## 2 titles slip by females

COACH DOT BISHOP's basketball girls came in second in both the Shelby County and Bibb County tournaments.

In the final round of the Shelby County meet at Pelham the Lady Bulldogs fell to Chelsea 44-41, after defeating Thompson 37-34 in the semi-finals. Valerie Anderson, high scorer for MHS both nights, hit 22 points against Thompson and 12 against Chelsea.

In the Bibb County meet at Centreville the 'Dogs lost out in the finals again--this time to Bibb County 45-40. In semi-final play MHS dropped Holt 44-38.

Lessie Gaddis led the 'Dogs against Holt, scoring 22; Anderson was leader in the finals with 17 points.

Montevallo placed players on both all-tournament teams with Anderson and Gaddis making both selections and Angela Russell earning honors in Shelby County.

## Girls win 42-41

Though Thompson threatened with a big last period comeback, MHS's Lady Bulldogs eased by the Warriors 42-41 in a match before the MHS student body Jan. 29.

The 'Dogs dominated the game and led by 21 going into the final quarter.

Coach Dot Bishop says, "We got tired and they just caught up."

Debra Tyus led MHS's scoring with 14 points.

Bulldogs take  
2 on the road

MHS Bulldogs took back to back road games Jan. 26 and 27.

Otto Fields led the way with 17 points as four MHSers hit in double figures to trounce Shelby County's Wildcats 86-45.

Earl Hayes scored 12; Jerome Tolbert, 11, and Kenneth Bell, 10.

Scoring by quarters

MHS	19	25	17	25	86
SCHS	8	11	12	14	45

The 'Dogs found the going a little tougher the following night at Pelham.

Holding a 39-26 halftime advantage, MHS watched the Panthers pull within four points before the Bulldogs took the 57-50 victory.

Hayes was high point man for the 'Dogs with 14. Bell added 12, and Tolbert put in 10.

Scoring by quarters

MHS	12	17	9	19	57
PHS	4	12	18	16	50



As Bulldogs hit winning streak--

# Marion, Vincent fall

*headline  
for short*

The Bulldogs added two more victories to their winning streak as they downed Francis Marion a second time this season Jan. 31 and took their first win over Vincent Feb. 2, playing both games at home.

Getting off to a slow start against Marion, the 'Dogs fell behind 21-19 at the end of the first quarter; but the defense tightened and held the Rams to only six points in the second period.

## 68-53 victory

The 'Dogs put in 21 more points before half-time to even the count at 27 and went on to win 68-53.

Kent Bell led the way with 21 points; Earl Hayes had 14, Otto Fields 12.

## Vincent falls

The Bulldogs proved to be too much for Vincent as they downed the Jackets 70-47.

Hayes scored 24 points for MHS, while Dexter McCrimmon matched him with 24 for Vincent.

## Scoring by quarters

MHS	13	15	17	25	70
VHS	10	10	12	15	47

## Choctaws can't hold off 'Dogs

Avenging an earlier 63-54 loss to the Choctaws, Coach Kurt Pnazeck's Bulldogs downed Bibb County in Centreville 59-47 Tuesday night. The 'Dogs sank the opening basket and never fell behind.

Kent Bell led all scorers with 20 points. Earl Hayes put in 13 and Otto Fields 12, also for MHS.

Sam Purnell was MHS's top rebounder with 10.

George Goree with 15 points and James Bell with 13 paced the losers.

## 5 games left

With the area meet Feb. 26 - Mar. 3, only five regular basketball games remain for MHS:

Feb. 9 Pelham	Here
10 Thompson	UM
13 Vincent	There
20 Ind.Spr.	Here
23 Blocton	There

## B team is winner

MHS's B team now holds a 15-2 record and a 13-game winning streak following a 53-52 victory over Bibb County there Tuesday.

The three top scorers for the Pups are Yuell Gilbert, Dennis Shepherd and Dereck Stewart.

Robert Jemison, a former Bulldog, is assistant to Coach Kurt Pnazeck with the B team.

## MHS will host area meet for girls

Only four teams will take part as MHS's lady roundballers host the girls' Area 7 tournament Feb. 15-16 in the Susie DeMent Gym. Chelsea, MHS, Talladega County Training School, and Winterboro will play for a berth in the Region 4 playoff, the site of which will be decided after area champions are determined. State finals will be held in Huntsville.

"Our team this year is better qualified than teams of the past for the area contest," comments Coach Dot Bishop. The team holds a 13-3 record.

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RYXNASKEITHNLJD  
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SRTLCCRNTFHKUTE  
KAKAIAEATS YGYTW  
RMY YRCBDETWCOOG  
ACELTBLABPIFRAQ  
MWNRAREZFRUSTRP  
NEDEPISDEBBIETS  
HROVRXSZCHLXPEI  
ADREKTIMJONMVRE  
JNLBTNELLEEMRV  
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## Basketball Search

by Shelia Goode  
Find the roundballers listed below in the above puzzle. Names may go up, down, across or diagonally.

### Varsity

Bret  
Earl  
Edd  
Keith  
Kent B  
Mark S  
Otto  
Roni  
Sam  
Tim W

### Lady 'Dogs

Angela  
Betty  
Beverly  
Debbie  
Debra  
Jahn  
Lessie

Lolita  
Nellie  
Pearl  
Shelia  
Valerie

### Juniors

Andrew C  
Andrew G  
Carl  
Eric  
Jessie  
Mark  
Rodney  
Steve G  
Steve S  
Terry  
Tim J  
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More for the student--

## Schools serve breakfast

Montevallo Middle and Montevallo Elementary are among the 12 schools in Shelby County now serving breakfast. Both started the program Jan. 29. All schools participating in the federally funded Child Nutrition Lunch Program must include breakfast by 1980.

According to Principal W. C. Corbett MHS will start the service during the 1979-80 or 1980-81 year.

### Many foods offered

At MMS and MES the menu includes such items as cereal, fruit juices, milk, sausage and biscuits, pancakes, eggs and waffles. The cost is 35¢ for students who pay for lunches, 10¢ for those getting lunches at a reduced rate and free for those who qualify for free lunches.

Approximately 80 students ate breakfast the first day at MMS, and MES served 307. At MMS, however, 100 more students ate the second day.

### Goes smoothly

MMS Principal Jimmy Jones observes, "Everything's going fine;" and MES Principal Doris Jeter observes, "Things are moving beautifully for us."

Mr. Corbett says he's a "bit pessimistic" about some areas of the program but that in most schools which have breakfast he has found "there's no big problem."

## Chorus to perform

The Lady Troubadours will perform for Senior Citizens next week. Director Glinda Godwin accompanied the chorus to the Calera Community Center at 11:00, Wednesday.

The singers presented several selections at PTA Monday night and has another performance scheduled in February at the Band's winter concert.

Mark Baker accompanies the chorus at the piano.

## New term means work

Second semester brought new activities to several classes at MHS.

Mr. Doug Morris' trigonometry class recently "threw away" the trig book to begin "analysis." Mr. Morris says the class will study from Modern Introductory Analysis for the remainder of the year.

"I'm expecting a lot of hard work but a fun semester," the teacher smiles.

Members of the lively arts club and art class completed and showed projects for PTA Open House Monday night.

The art class is now working with clay, making prints, according to teacher Ann Parker.

Last Friday the group viewed a photography show by Golojuch at UM's art gallery.

Mrs. Parker's senior English classes are studying the Anglo-Saxon period. "This helps to find the purpose and history of the English language," says Mrs. Parker.

Shakespeare's "Macbeth" and the poem "Beowulf" are a part of the study.

## February sees change at CHS

Several school changes became effective in Shelby County on Feb. 1.

Calera High School's coach Rick Cairns became principal at CHS after Mr. W. J. Akridge left that position to become county vocational counselor.

Mr. Jimmy Bice, now the county's vocational director, previously held the counselor's job. Mr. Bice will head the entire county program while Mr. Charles Knowles, superintendent elect, will continue as the vocational school director.

## Grads honor former principal

A plaque honoring former Principal N. Guy Milford was placed outside the library's main entrance this week. The memento was presented to Mrs. Anne Milford by Mr. Herby Milstead on behalf of his senior class of 1963 at a PTA meeting at MHS Monday night.

The plaque reads, "Dedicated to the memory of N. Guy Milford in appreciation for his devoted years of service as principal of Montevallo High School. 1956-1969 presented this 5th day of February, 1979, by the senior class of 1963."

Students in math, Spanish, band, drama, phys ed and chorus performed for the remainder of the program.



District coming up--

## Band looks to concert

WITH ALL-STATERS Shawn Spicer and John Owens among its ranks, MHS's band is just a few days away from its winter concert and district competition.

For the first time the Troubadours will give a special winter concert Feb. 26 at 7:00. Band director Jim Weese says the concert will prepare the band for district competition on Mar. 2.

The Lady Troubadour choral group will also perform at the concert. Among numbers they will sing are Falling in Love with

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WHICH LOOKS BEST?

Troubadours' director Jim Weese seeks advice from All-Staters John Owens (l) and Shawn Spicer.

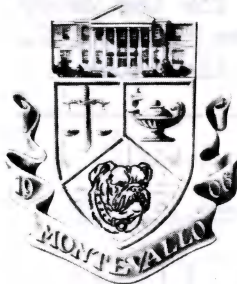
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At Samford tomorrow--

## Math team will compete

FOUR MATHEMATICIANS will represent MHS in Samford University's Seventeenth Invitational Mathematics Tournament tomorrow. They are seniors Glenn Anthony and Emily Steele and juniors Tod Beers and Brenda Kuhnel.

Eight alternates for the team are freshmen Dennis Beers and Taylor Lawrence, sophomores Todd Austin, Wade Bice and David Melsoni, junior Anne Klemenc and seniors Rene Davis and Lynn Sawyer.

Competition for trophies and scholarships involves a two-hour written test and a ciphering match for team members whose scores will be compiled for an overall team score. Alternates also take the written exam but their grades will not be applied toward the score.

"I hope the experience will enhance their interest in math," says sponsor Doug Morris who will accompany the group.

### SIX WEEKS ENDS

Today ends the first six weeks of the second semester. Report cards will be given out Friday at 2:40 in homerooms.

Fifth six weeks begins Monday and ends Apr. 13.

## Bandroom will undergo renovation

THE BANDROOM is scheduled for remodeling this spring. Individual practice rooms, additional storage space and improved heating and cooling systems will be included in the renovation.

Money for the project was provided by a special allocation granted MHS by the State Legislature.

Originally the money was to be used to repair damage done to the auditorium by last year's fire.

However, since insurance covered the cost of reconstruction, Principal W. C. Corbett, the Shelby County Board of Education and MHS trustees decided the money should be used for expansion and renovation of the bandroom.



## Band set for 'action' -- (Cont'd)

Love, Photographs and Memories, As Long as He Needs Me and I Wish You All Could Know Him.

Band selections include How the West was Won, Pachinko, Coat of Arms, Il Guarany, Declaration Overture and American Folk Rhapsody.

### District at Shades Valley

Later in the week the band will compete in District IV competition at Shades Valley High School in Birmingham. The band must receive two "Yes" ratings to be eligible to participate in state competition later this year.

Though MHS's band is a Class CC band, the group will perform Class AA music. This is never expected from a band other than those from the larger schools according to Mr. Weese.

### Two make All-State

Eight MHSers tried for All-State at Gardendale High School Feb. 10. John Owen and Shawn Spicer got the judges' nod for the honor. Freshman Taylor Lawrence was chosen as a second alternate.

"I am proud of all who tried for All-State," Mr. Weese says.

## New official visits teachers

Mr. Charles Knowles, superintendent elect of education in Shelby County spoke to the MHS faculty Feb. 5.

According to Principal W. C. Corbett, the purpose of Mr. Knowles' visit was to inform teachers of his plans for the next four years. "He also asked for ideas from the faculty," Mr. Corbett says.

"I think it's good that the elected leaders of today meet with people to keep them informed," adds Mr. Corbett.

## Courses set

At preregistration next week students will select classes desired next year.

Numbers of students requesting each class will be submitted to new superintendent Charles Knowles, Mar. 8, for his review and use in planning for Shelby County Schools next year.

### It's News Downtown--

## Local KFC gets award

Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant, located in Vallo Plaza, was awarded the White Glove by the KFC Corporation.

To rate the award for cleanliness the restaurant owned by Mr. David Ludlum and Mr. Reggie Taunton had to pass two rigid sanitation inspections with at least a 95. This is only the fifth time this award has been given in Alabama according to the owners.

UM's art gallery has a one-woman exhibition entitled "Fine Pockets" by UM art instructor Catherine Dunn on display.

The show (free to the public) will end Sunday.

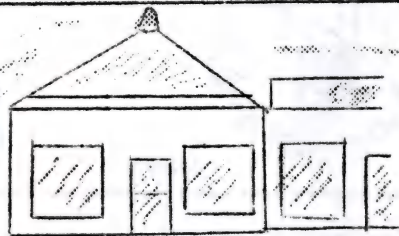
## Teacher earns scouting honor

MHS history teacher and junior class sponsor Danny Goggins, a member of the Boy Scouts of America, recently received the Silver Beaver Award.

"The honor is the highest that a local counselor can present to a registered Scouter," Mr. Goggins says proudly.

To receive the award he was nominated by the Birmingham Area Council and then approved by the National Court of Honor.

Mr. Goggins serves as Scoutmaster for the troop he joined when he was 12, Troop 548 in Alabaster.



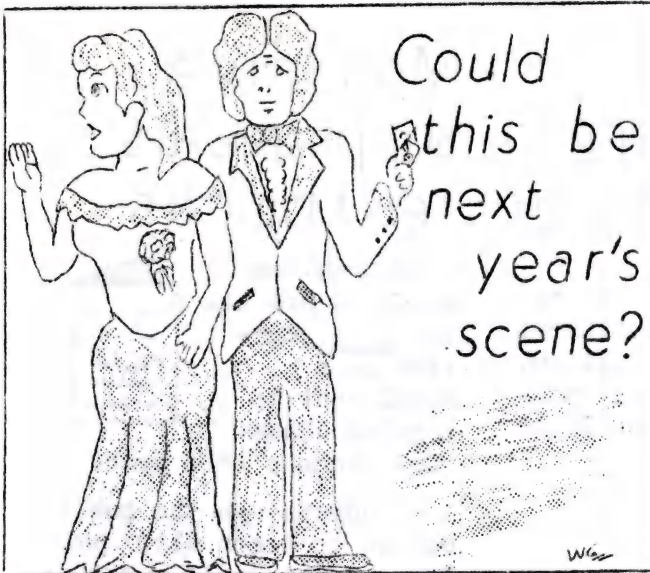
Montevallo's telephone directories are now on sale at local stores and from various PTA members.

The phonebooks, which were compiled by the local PTA, may be purchased for \$1.50 each. All profits will be used to support the Montevallo schools.

South Central Bell began charging for directory assistance phone calls on Feb. 5. According to district manager John Ellis, customers are allowed five monthly phone calls before the 20¢ is added to monthly bills.

For directory assistance callers now dial 1-411.





## Privilege carries duty

FOR MANY YEARS MHS SENIORS have had the privilege of using the University of Montevallo library.

In the beginning the library never had a complaint, but in the past two years a few students have misused the privileges. Books have been returned late and some never carried back. Students have loaned their cards to others, and a few have disrupted the quiet of the library.

The UM library has so much to offer to MHSers. The faults of a few could give a bad impression of all the seniors.

It is hoped that the students of the class of 1979 will continue to take the responsibility of using the library as mature individuals.

## Stage band needs support

Once again the MHS stage band proved its abilities and talents in an outstanding performance at the Feb. 5 PTA meeting. It does seem a shame that this group does not entertain more often.

Nearby Thompson High also has a stage band which has performed at various Southeastern events.

Although the hard work and talent of MHS musicians deserves to be recognized like the Warrior group, it would require a great deal of patron support for the jazz band to make such costly trips.

The way it is--

## Inflation reaches home when prom is affected

Dear Editor:

Our sponsor Danny Goggins has suggested that students buy tickets to attend the prom next year.

In helping to plan for the prom this year, I have found that prices go up more and more each year. Even though we raised more money than ever on the one fund-raising project, it still isn't enough to cover costs.

Therefore, I think the idea of paying to go to the prom is a good one. If couples would help with expenses, then a good band and a place that satisfies everyone could be used.

Luanne Moody  
Junior Class Secretary

## Blacks noted

February is Black History month. This year's theme is "History--Torch for the Future."

It was selected due to "the potential for bringing knowledge about deeds and the sharing of Black people everywhere" according to MHS history teacher Johnnie McClain.

He adds that the torch signifies the continuance of the search by many for their ethnic roots.

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1st Place



In phys ed, home ec classes--

## UM will send 8 to practice

FOUR STUDENT TEACHERS from the University of Montevallo will arrive on MHS campus Feb. 26 and will remain until May 9.

Miss Donna Campbell and Miss Mary Yelle will be assigned to Coach Dot Bishop, while Mr. Vanard Dinkens and Mr. Tim Ray will work under Coach Richard Gilliam. According to Principal W. C. Corbett the group, however, will probably switch supervisors during their stay so each gets to work with both coaches.

The student teachers will also spend part of their time at the elementary school.

In addition MHS's home ec department will receive four trainees from UM Mar. 19. They will remain until May 9 also.

Mrs. Junnie Craig will supervise Miss Debbie Dyar and Miss Grace McClinton, while Mrs. Kay Clarke and Miss Sandra Wade will be directed by Mrs. Rose Ellen Hankins--

"We always look forward to their (student teachers) coming down. Hopefully it will prove to be a rewarding experience for them," Mr. Corbett says.

## Home ec classes sponsor sale

Students enrolled in home ec classes completed a Stanley sale last Friday. Profits will be used for new tables and air conditioners.

Mrs. Irene Douglas, a Stanley Products representative, displayed the prizes and told how to figure the tax when the sale began Feb. 9.

Students won prizes according to amounts sold. Awards ranged from lamps to stuffed animals.

## E-Day attracts 5 from MHS

Several MHSers are visiting Auburn University today as part of E-Day.

Seniors Glenn Anthony, Leslee Belluchie, Ann Frye, Kathy Hegwood and Kevin Hughes and junior Brenda Kuhnelt are attending the all-day event sponsored by the School of Engineering at Auburn.

Interested high school students from across the state are invited to attend the workshop-funday.

Glenn and Kevin went as juniors last year and recommend any junior or senior interested in math attend next year.

## Magazine supplements textbooks

Journalism I students are using Time magazine as a supplement to regular classroom lessons this year.



Students use the publication to learn about problems of the world, keep up with weekly current events, improve their vocabulary and "read professional news reports and analysts," explains teacher Cathy Bearden.

Some articles are assigned and discussed in class, while students read other stories and write practice editorials in which they cite facts from the articles.

"I think there is at least one story in every issue that appeals to each student, so I encourage them to read anything they wish--even if it is not assigned," Mrs. Bearden adds.

A journalism fee paid for the subscription.

## Homemakers observe week

Last week was Future Homemakers of America Week. MHS's chapter headed by Jeanie Bolling helped emphasize the concerns related to the organization. According to Mrs. Junnie Craig these are the improvements of individuals, family life and home life.

During the week members of FHA gave public service announcements over the intercom each morning and put up a bulletin board in the main hall. Students wore tags to identify members and call attention to FHA Week.

FHA was started at MHS in 1940. Mrs. Craig has been adviser for nine years and Mrs. Rose Ellen Hankins five.



## Seniors pick class elite

Winners in the Senior Who's Who were announced last Monday at a party at the college club house.

Nominations were made Jan. 26 and Guidance Counselor Frances Anthony supervised the elections.

Seniors Gay Perkins and Emily Steele awarded certificates to those winning honors. The 30 "titled" seniors will be featured in the '79 yearbook.

## MHS notes blacks month

SEVERAL CLASSES AT MHS are observing Black History Month during February with special assignments.

Mrs. Jennifer Williams' sophomore history classes are making two reports—one on a famous black American and other on a topic concerning blacks. They are also doing an excerpt from the late Dr. Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream."

U. S. history students may turn in reports on events in Black History for extra credit to teacher Danny Goggins. They also viewed a filmstrip, "Minorities Have Made America Great."

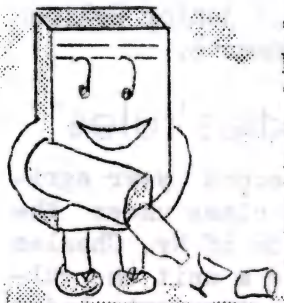
In Mr. Johnnie McClain's contemporary issues courses students have chosen topics including events, ideas and biographies, while Mr. Don Benton's history students are reporting on famous black people. Mr. George Lilly's classes will study Black History next six weeks.

In English Mrs. Barbara Belisle's and Mrs. Williams' pupils are studying contemporary black poets and authors.

Mrs. Cathy Bearden will include a story about Wilma Rudolph entitled "The Queen Who Earned Her Crown" by Alex Haley as part of a biography unit.

### -- Locker Laughs --

## Student doubts liquid fact



Two of the Troubadours  
Made all-state;  
The basketball team's  
Still doing great;  
A new six weeks  
Is on its way;  
And Locker Laughs  
Just make the day.



Chemistry teacher Jim Hermecz explained that in the strictest definition glass is a liquid.

"Sure," Kevin McCoy exclaimed unbelievably, "I poured myself a glass of glass this morning."

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During library period for teacher Danny Goggins' history students, junior Kevin Lawley was doing a book report on Robert E. Lee when he asked, "Mr. Brady, where is Robert E. Lee?"

"In a graveyard, son," Mr. Brady quipped.

Later during the same period, Chuck Hood asked, "Where's Midway?"

"Somewhere in the Pacific," Mr. Brady retorted.

In Mrs. Ann Parker's 4th period English class sophomore Felicia Phillips was chewing on a metallic pen when classmate Tina Sawyer asked, "Why are you chewing that pen?"

"I need my daily iron," Felicia answered.

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While in English class sophomore Todd Austin remarked, "My pen is skipping again."

Tommy Owens said quickly, "You better send it to Mr. Corbett."

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Thinking of all the cold weather this month, Mark Baker remarked, "This 50° weather's like a heat wave."

## Classes see Shakespeare

Seniors saw the movie "Macbeth" at the Falcon Theater Feb. 9 to conclude a study of Shakespeare.

Juniors also viewed the movie in preparation for next year.

In addition, freshmen saw the movie version of "Romeo and Juliet" also at the Falcon Theater, to end a unit on the play.

Most students indicated they liked "seeing" better than "reading" the drama.

Gladys Brasher and Sammy Nix said they liked the movie better because they could "see the action."

"It was better than the play; I could understand it," Wanda Honeycutt says.



## Class brings change, speakers

SENIORS BEGAN A NEW COURSE at the beginning of the second semester. They are studying economics under Mr. George Lilly, who also taught democracy the first semester. According to Mr. Lilly tentative plans call for students to teach various chapters in the economics course. They will present the chapter in any way they feel will help their classmates better understand the information.

The students are currently reviewing chapters on various types of economies, economic goals and market system. This study has included several speakers.

On Feb. 8 Mr. Jim Holland, manager of Liberty National Life Insurance Company in Montevallo, and representatives Charles Daviston, Tommie Falkner, Don Hurt and Fred Miller talked to MHSers about the need for life insurance.

In addition, Mr. Robert E. Owens, Jr., Pelham branch manager of First Federal Savings and Loan Association, spoke to the classes about the type of loans offered by his organization.

He also showed a film on the history of Savings and Loans companies and gave students information on an essay contest they are eligible to enter.

## Summer class set

Shelby County Area Vocational School will offer one class this summer.

Graphic arts and communication will be taught eight weeks with a minimum of two hours each day according to instructor Jim Vick.

A night graphic arts class will be held also two nights a week.

Students who are interested in either of the courses should contact Mr. Vick now.

## Typists get job experience

Advanced typing students recently began doing secretarial work for the faculty and administration. The seven seniors, three juniors and one sophomore are typing tests, business letters and work sheets as assigned.

"The purpose of the program is to teach the students responsibility for work through actual job experiences," says teacher Susie DeMent.

"I really enjoy the set up; it makes the class a lot more interesting and I feel we all benefit from this work," junior Belinda Morris comments.

## Ag studies 'rules'

The second year agribusiness class under the instruction of Mr. Charles Kidd ended a unit on rulers and measurements today. The students learned to use a "carpenter's" rule during the study.

Last week they made a study of livestock (hog and cattle) marketing.

## Prom plans made

Plans for the 1979 junior-senior prom have now been completed. It will be held at the Birmingham Hyatt House, Apr. 14.

Mr. David Harper (Dr. Music) will provide entertainment, and refreshments will be provided by the Hyatt House.

According to junior class sponsor Danny Goggins this could possibly be the last year students can attend the prom free.

He adds that the one fund-raising project that the juniors have no longer brings in enough money for an off-campus prom and entertainment.

## Arts school offers auditions for fall

MHSers can take part in the Alabama School of Fine Arts audition in Birmingham Mar. 2. The audition is for admission to the fall semester of the public school supported by the state which allows students throughout Alabama to receive pre-professional training in fine arts. The school offers career education courses in creative writing, dance, drama, music and visual arts. It also has an approved academic curriculum for grades 7-12.

Only pupils in grades 7-11 are eligible for admission at this time and must be admitted by audition.

Students can write the Alabama School of Fine Arts, 820 North 18th Street, Birmingham, AL 35203 or call 252-9240 for more information.





A WINNING SEASON!

Lady Bulldogs who posted a 15-4 record are (Front, l-r) Lessie Gaddis, Betty Wallace, Shelia Goode. (Back) Coach Dot Bishop, Nellie Yelder, Val Anderson, Jahn Bolling and Angela Russell. (Not pictured Debra Tyus)

## Bulldogs rate top spot in area tournament drawing

MHS Bulldogs hold the top seed spot among the five teams in the Area 7 basketball tournament to be played at Vincent Feb. 27 and Mar. 1-2.

Coach Kurt Pnazek predicts that "Vincent will probably top Winterboro" in the first round, placing MHS in the semi-finals against the 'Jackets at 8 on Thursday. Vincent and Winterboro play at 6:30, Tuesday.

### Coach worried

Coach Pnazek adds that although Montevallo is "better man for man against Vincent," he is worried about the tournament host as they have "steadily improved this year."

A semi-final win would put the 'Dogs against the second seeded Talladega County Training School-Chelsea (8:00 Tues.) winner in the finals Friday at 7:30.

### Marion stops MHS

Last year was the first time in six years that MHS was not in the state play-offs. They fell to Francis Marion in the Area meet.

The Rams are not a threat this year as they have moved into Area 9.

Area 7 winner plays the Area 8 champ at 7:30, Saturday at Vincent.

### Lady 'Dogs make finals--

## TCTS takes area title

TALLADEGA COUNTY TRAINING SCHOOL defeated MHS's Lady Bulldogs 48-45 in an overtime in the final round of the Area 7 basketball meet Feb. 16 at Montevallo. Mary Garrett led the scoring for TCTS with 22 points, while Lessie Gaddis was MHS's best with 13.

At the end of regular play the score was deadlocked at 42, but in overtime TCTS's all-tournament Garrett made six points and MHS's Gaddis (all-tournament) hit one field goal and Shelia Goode scored one free throw.

### Chelsea falls

MHS advanced to the finals by easily downing Chelsea 54-34 on Feb. 15. TCTS took their first round by a Winterboro forfeit.

Against Chelsea, Val Anderson, Gaddis and Debra Tyus all hit in double figures for the Lady 'Dogs. Melissa Matthews, Chelsea's all-star representative, scored 15 for the losers.

### Stars picked

Gaddis scored 29 points in the two nights for all-tournament honors and Tyus put in a total of 18 for the award.

Ruby Tuck of TCTS, along with teammate Garrett and Chelsea's Matthews rounded out the all-star squad.

### Scoring by quarters

MHS	10	14	10	8	3	45
TCTS	6	15	13	8	6	48
MHS	14	10	14	16		54
CHS	10	9	10	5		34

## Tennis team readies for matches

MHS's new tennis team is in "full swing" as members meet each Thursday and Saturday and practice at least three times a week on their own.

Head Coach Sam Slatsky, a UM student, is completing a schedule which includes matches with Chelsea, Jemison and Minor High of Birmingham.

Team members are Marla Abbott, Cliff Anderson, Tod Beers, Vicki Crowson, Marilyn Cunningham, Taylor Lawrence, Kevin McCoy, Belinda Morris, Robyn and Ruth Perkins and Vicki and Tammy Whitfield.



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## B Team search

by Shelia Goode

The first and last names of B team basketball players can be found in the puzzle above. Names may run up, down, backward, diagonally or across.

Yuell Gilbert	Benjamin
Earnest Glover	Peoples
Jerome Jones	Dennis
Robert	Shepherd
Lightfoot	Scott
David Melsoni	Studdard

## Hayes, Jones, Thrift win

TWO BULLDOGS WON first and second in high school players division in Montevallo's Park and Recreation Department's first Shelby County Free-Throw Contest. They were center Earl Hayes and guard Bret Jones. Hayes hit 27 of 30 shots and Jones hit 26.

In the section for non-high school players MHS freshman Montez Thrift hit 20 of 30 shots to capture the first place award while junior Ronnie Holsombeck had 18 for second place.

Each contestant had 30 tries from the free-throw line and trophies were given to the top two in each group.

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Winners in the youth division (6-10) were Scott Newell of Alabaster and Danny Fancher, Montevallo.

Andrew Yon of Chelsea came in first in the junior high players division, and Steve Glosson of Montevallo was second.

Andy Chism and Chris Connell, Montevallo, were winners among the junior high non-players.

## Football's back

Spring football began Monday, with daily practice through Mar. 20. There will be no workouts during spring holidays with the Orange and Blue game set for Mar. 23.

Drills end Mar. 30 at the Shelby County football jamboree at Calera.

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## Bullpups end season tonight

The B team basketball squad will wind up its season tonight as they meet West Blocton. The 'Pups hold a 17-5 record and have claimed the county championship for the third consecutive year.

Eight junior varsity men joined the B team after completing their 12-5 record Feb. 6.'

## 'Dogs play Tigers

Tonight is the last regular season game for MHS's roundballers as they travel to West Blocton.

Coach Kurt Pnazeck's 'Dogs have not played the Tigers this year but won a 49-41 decision last year at Blocton. The two teams get together for only one game each season.

Juniors "moving up" are Carl Campbell, Andrew Gentry, Jesse Holsombeck, Tim Jones, Troy Rutledge, Steve Singh, Rodney Thrift and Eric Tolbert.

Coach Richard Gilliam had charge of the junior team this year, while the B team has worked under Coach Kurt Pnazeck who was assisted by Robert Jemison a former Bulldog.

## MHS holds 19-5 record

by Kevin Hughes

MHS gathered 19 points from senior forward Earl Hayes, 13 from Sam Purnell and 10 apiece from Kent Bell and Mark Singh to demolish Indian Springs 78-31 Tuesday at Montevallo.

The Bulldogs had no real problems but were surprised when ISS went to a stall offense, keeping the ball several minutes during the first half.

This match ended the 'Dogs' home schedule and sends them against West Blocton tonight with a 19-5 record for the final regular season game.



Keith leads Warriors home--

# Thompson takes overtime win

Willie Keith, scoring 26 points for the night, sank two field goals and one free throw in overtime to help Thompson edge Montevallo 58-54, Feb. 10, at UM.

It was the typical Bulldog-Warrior "shoot-out" with Thompson ahead by as much as six in the first and third quarters and the Bulldogs by six in the second period.

Behind 51-50 with 1:51 remaining, Keith squeezed the Warriors ahead 52-51 with two free throws and Harry Harris put in another freebie to stretch the lead to 53-51 with 21 seconds remaining.

Bell ties the count

Coach Kurt Pnazeck called the Bulldogs to the sideline and planned the attack that saw Kent Bell, who hit 23 points in the game, strip the net with a 5-ft. jumper to set off the pandemonium that reigned until the buzzer ended the overtime.

Earl Hayes was the only Bulldog besides Bell in double figures. He scored 11. Harris was Thompson's second highest with 16.

Coach Pnazeck said, "Our free throw percentage was not good, and you don't win a game like that one with a low percentage."

'Dogs lead from field

The Bulldogs scored five more baskets (25-20) from the field than did the Warriors.

Pelham falls

On the previous night the 'Dogs easily handled the Pelham Panthers 55-28 at home. Hayes with 16 points and Bell with 10 again were MHS leaders.

On Feb. 13, Montevallo defeated Vincent in a "slowed-down" affair 41-24 at Vincent.

The Bulldogs played a near-freeze for the entire second half. Bell was the night's top scorer with 12 points; Hayes added 10.

Scoring by quarters

MHS	12	13	2	14	41
VHS	8	8	5	3	24

The three county games put the Bulldogs' record at 18-5.

Bulldog Growls--

# Tournament leaves MHS

By Kevin Hughes

For the first time in a number of years MHS is not



hosting the Area 7 basketball tournament, and for the first time ever another county school is host.

Vincent High in northeast Shelby County is this year's tournament site.

Last year ended a six year string of consecutive state playoffs for MHS.

Knocked off by Francis Marion, now in another area, the Bulldogs failed to appear in the state tournament.

But this season's senior dominated team is playing good ball and is a favorite to win the area.

Talladega County Training School is strong and could prove the toughest problem for the 'Dogs, but MHS is ready to start a new record for playoff appearances, so it should be a winning week for Montevallo and fans.

Good luck, BULLDOGS!

# Visitor wins title

Mr. Tom Owen, a recent speaker at an FCA assembly at MHS, won the Alabama powerlifting championship Feb. 3 at Huntsville.

To gain the title, Mr. Owen lifted 1600 lbs. He broke the state record in the squat as he lifted 600 lbs. and he set the record for most pounds lifted. The previous record was 1565 lbs. He will try next for the NCAA championship Mar. 24 in Florida.

While Mr. Owen was at MHS, he did not lift his maximum as the state meet was the next day.

# 3 activities offered in PE classes

Phys ed students will have a choice of activities next six weeks. Coach Dot Bishop says they will choose from social dancing, weightlifting and track and field. All the courses will be taught by student teachers.

"Social dancing includes dances from the past along with some of the modern disco," Miss Bishop explains. Track and field will include learning how to run long and short distances according to Coach Richard Gilliam.

"Even though the three courses are open to all students, the girls will be less likely to take weightlifting," Coach Gilliam notes.



For Spanish class--

## Students share research

Spanish I students studied several Spanish speaking countries last week. Students were required to prepare a research paper dealing with either Mexico, Spain or a South American country.

Some of the topics dealt with Spanish customs and traditions, Mexican foods, various sports of the countries, Spanish architecture, clothing worn by the different classes and Mexican and Spanish literature.

In addition to turning in written papers, members of the class presented oral reports and made special projects relating to their topic.

Mrs. Delilah Robinson gave the freshmen students a "crash course" on writing a research paper before the unit started.

"This gives the students a chance to get to know the people and culture of several Spanish speaking countries," says Mrs. Robinson.

## Biology classes react to disease

Mrs. Joanna McGaughy's biology classes recently wrote essays on a genetic disease called Tay-Sachs.

Mrs. McGaughy explains that a child who inherits two recessive traits is expected to die by the time he is four years old.

In the essays students answered the question, "If you knew you carried the genetic traits for Tay-Sachs, would you risk having children who could inherit the disease?"

Some students said they would risk it, while others said they would not take such a chance. "Many decided they would solve the problem by adopting children," Mrs. McGaughy says.



## Yearbook staff mails 3 sections

Approximately half of MHS's '79 MONTALA was sent to the printer Feb. 9.

Pages completed include all of the class, advertisement, and faculty sections and part of the activities and sports.

Plans for the cover of the book were also included in the mailing as well as eight pages of color according to yearbook advisor Frances Anthony.

Club and activity pictures will be made next Monday during school.

## Future chefs prepare lunch

For the past four weeks the Food Department at the Shelby County Area Vocational Center has been serving lunch to approximately fifty Columbiana office workers on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

According to MHS junior Eddie Staffney the meals range from spaghetti to turkey and dressing. The entire meal which features meat, two or three vegetables, two breads, dessert, and a choice of drinks costs \$2.00. Items can be purchased separately for 50¢ each.

The morning class cooks the meal and the afternoon classes serve. The afternoon group which includes MHSers also prepare some items such as cakes a day ahead.

In addition to Staffney, juniors Eddie Sailes and Rita Tolbert are in the class.



## Classes study living, plan visits

Black History and individualized work are the two main subjects that MHS's special education classes are studying.

Mr. Kurt Pnasek's students, who work on their own levels, are studying three basic subjects: math, English and social studies, which includes day to day living skills.

Although Mr. Willie Turner's class is now studying Black History the students are looking toward several field trips scheduled for later this year.

These include a one-day trip to both the state capital in Montgomery and the Boys Industrial School. The class will also go to Six Flags over Georgia the first week in April.

Mr. Turner says that the class will also have a dinner at Morrison's cafeteria in Century Plaza "as a celebration at the end of the school year."



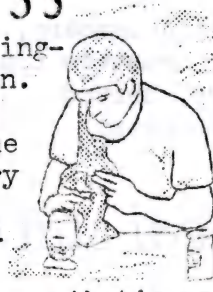
Discusses carbon--

## Professor visits class

"Organic chemistry is a very encompassing subject," according to Dr. Aris Merijanlian. "It affects your life in a big way," the UM chemistry professor told students as he visited in teacher Jim Hermecz's chemistry class Feb. 9.

Expanding on what the students had already learned in class about carbon compounds, Dr. Merijanlian described how some synthetic materials are made. He also stressed the importance of organic compounds as "they can be found in all living things and are often used in medicines."

After a discussion and test on facts learned from the lecture, the class performed an experiment for making nylon 66 as described by Dr. Merijanlian.



## 3 will compete

Three MHS seniors will be in competition tomorrow for music scholarships at the University of Montevallo. They are Cliff Anderson (voice), Mark Baker (piano), and Karen Morris (voice).

On Mar. 2-3, Cliff and Karen will also compete in Auburn at the regional National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS). Both students are winners of their division at the state level.

## Youth Corps will sponsor summer work

The Youth Conservation Corps summer program is designed as a work and conservation study program for 15-18 year olds.

Students will be paid minimum wages for the eight weeks of work according to recruiter Bill Martin.

The work includes trail building, roadside camp clean-up, recreation area maintenance and improvement and other projects at camps throughout Alabama.

Applications are available at the local Alabama State Employment office, or interested students may write:

State YCC Recruiter  
U.S. Forest Service  
P. O. Box 40  
Montgomery, AL 36101.

Mar. 15 is the deadline for applications.

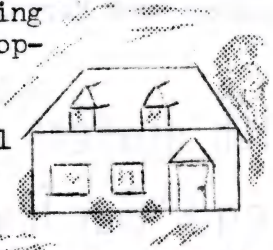
## 'Housing' is family living topic

Mrs. Rose Ellen Hankins' family living class has begun a unit on Housing Development. The study started with slides on different house styles.

In addition, speakers from First Real Estate Don Murphy and Jan Robinette explained how to buy a house, prices of homes and what to look for in a house.

Mrs. Liz Bishop from Chambers Realty spoke to the class on different ways to finance a house and how the real estate agent helps a buyer purchase a house.

The class also took a trip to Meadowgreen subdivision near Moore's Crossroads Feb. 15 to see the different types of "starter" houses according to Mrs. Hankins.



## Foreigners need homes in U.S.

The American Scandinavian Student Exchange Program is searching for American host families for 500 foreign high school students from Sweden, Norway, Denmark and England during the 1979-80 school year.

Students 16 or 17 years old will arrive in late August. They will attend American high schools and stay in the U.S. until July 1980.

Exchange of Americans to Scandinavian countries is also underway. Students between ages 16 and 18 may spend a high school year with a family or stay five weeks during the summer of 1979. Anyone interested in these programs may contact Mrs. Helen Miller, 1069 Lakeview Crescent, Birmingham, AL 35205 or call 933-8910.



Neighbor Notes--

## MES entertains guests

Shelby County Board of Education members, City Council members and Montevallo School trustees toured Montevallo Elementary School and were served lunch on Wednesday Principal Doris Jeter reports.

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All MES classes attended the Childrens' Theatre production, "Purzazz" at Palmer Hall Tuesday.

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Drs. Mike Mahan and Milton Orr, Jr. gave dental check-ups to MES students last week.

Mrs. Linda Cicero, PE teacher, recently participated in a conference with Governor Fob James and signed a proclamation for Alabama Physical Education Week Mar. 1-7.

## 11th graders read 'Our Town' in English class

Junior English classes, under the instruction of Mrs. Barbara Belisle, are studying "Our Town," the Pulitzer prize winning drama by Thornton Wilder.

Characters in the play will be assigned to various students to read while Mrs. Belisle reads the part of stage manager.

"Students will look at the joys and sorrows of the people in the small town and possibly grow from what they learn," Mrs. Belisle says.

"The play is one of my favorites," she adds, "and I hope they will love it as much as I do."

## Local stations air Shakespeare

Plays by William Shakespeare can now be seen on television. WBIQ Channel 10 scheduled five of Shakespeare's Works this year.

Next Thursday, "As You Like It" will be featured. Others are "Romeo and Juliet," Mar. 14; Richard II, Mar. 28; "Measure for Measure," Apr. 11; and Henry VIII, Apr. 25. All productions begin at 7 p.m.

The program is sponsored by Exxon Corporation, Metropolitan Life Insurance Company and Morgan Guaranty Trust Company.

"We encourage all MHSers to view the plays," comments Mrs. Ann Parker, head of MHS's English department.

In addition, this week many students have been watching another television production, "Roots, The Next Generations," which began Feb. 18 on the ABC network.

It concludes next Sunday at 8 p.m.

## Club will present 3-act play

The dramatics club will soon begin working on their next production, "The Spiral Staircase," by Dore Schary, according to sponsor Barbara Belisle. She adds that the three-act drama will be presented in May.

"I'm really looking forward to producing it, but it's going to take a lot of work on the actors' parts," Mrs. Belisle says.

## Essay contest open to MHSers

Juniors and seniors are eligible to enter a non-fiction essay contest being sponsored by Alabama Speech and Hearing Association.

Winners to be announced Apr. 6 in Montgomery will compete in the national contest.

The purpose of the contest is to make teenagers more aware of the services speech-language pathology and audiology according to Mr. W. Bryce Evans, Chairman of the contest committee.

Postmarking deadline for the essays is Mar. 15. They should be mailed to Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology, University of South Alabama, Mobile, AL 36688.

## Band entertains

With MHS junior Lisa Harris as lead singer the group "Stranger" performed for students during activity period Tuesday.

Although the six member group from Birmingham plays mostly Fleetwood Mac music, Lisa comments that they can play country tunes as well.



# Mrs. Belisle wins 'Favorite'

English teacher Barbara Belisle was named "Favorite Teacher of the Day" in a contest sponsored by WENN F.M. radio station in Birmingham last Friday.

After nominating Mrs. Belisle for the honor, MHSers cast their votes for her as favorite teacher by phoning WENN within the designated time period Mar. 1. She received more votes that day than any other teacher in the Birmingham area.

WENN disc jockey Jimmy Lawson came to MHS last Friday to present Mrs. Belisle with a corsage and

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I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

MHS teacher Barbara Belisle accepts recognition as favorite teacher from WENN DJ Jim Lawson.

A junior class sponsor and English teacher, Mrs. Belisle is also drama club adviser. She is active in community theater and is a member of the town's Park and Recreation Board.

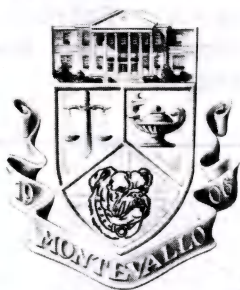
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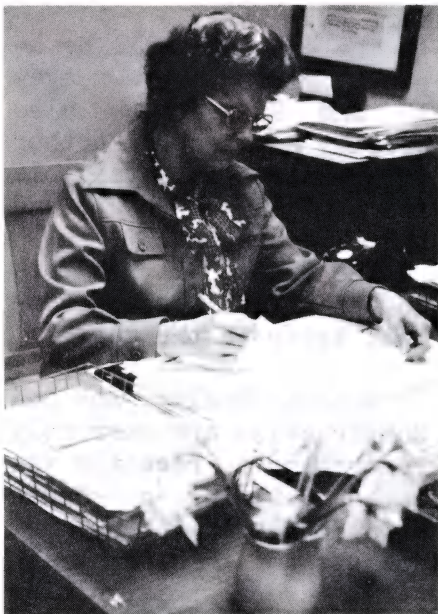


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MAKING PLANS

Guidance counselor Frances Anthony works to complete her MHS duties before taking over as head of Montevallo Middle School.

Will become MMS principal--

## Counselor to leave MHS

MHS will be directly affected as Montevallo sees major changes in school administrations for next year.

Montevallo Middle School Principal Jimmy Jones will take the position of Montevallo Elementary School Principal Doris Jeter, who is retiring, and MHS Guidance Counselor Frances Anthony will replace Mr. Jones as head of the middle school. The Shelby County Board of Education approved these changes at its Feb. 27 meeting in Chelsea.

Positions Mrs. Anthony has filled during 25 years at MHS include junior high teacher, senior class coordinator, college prep English teacher, assistant principal and counselor.

"She does a tremendous job. Her leaving will be our loss but the middle school's gain," says Principal W. C. Corbett.

## Holidays start

Spring holidays begin when the 2:45 bell rings today. Schools will reopen Mar. 19.

During the holidays MHS teachers will attend Alabama Education Association Convention in Birmingham Mar. 14-16.

*Don't abbreviate one syllable month*



## Band earns top grade

Last Friday at district contest in Shades Valley the Montevallo Troubadours ranked superior and earned the opportunity to perform at state contest Apr. 16-21.

The band was awarded straight ones by all three judges. One judge, Mr. Orland Thomas from Mobile, commented, "It is a pleasure to hear a group like this . . . Oh, to hear this type of performance from every band."

The winning selections for the band were Coat of Arms, Declaration Overture and Il Guarany.

Director Jim Weese says he was very pleased with the band's performance but admits to being "a bit nervous following the preceding Monday night's concert."

## Mrs. Parker named for culture study

English teacher Ann Parker has been selected as one of 45 participants in the Mid-South Humanities project.

The project is the most comprehensive effort ever undertaken to utilize local cultural heritage resources in the classrooms in the South according to directors James Huhta and Francis Ginanni.

It is funded by a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, a federal agency, in cooperation with Middle Tennessee State University where the three-week summer institute is held.

## Mrs. Belisle - (Cont'd)

tickets to "The Wiz," a Bulls' hockey game, "Your Arm's too Short to Box with God; a cake; a meal at Durante's; a copy of A. G. Gaston's Green Power and certificates for a free hair style and manicure.

"You never realize how much students care about you until they show you," Mrs. Belisle comments.

## Scholars rate Principal's List

When report cards were given out last Friday, 14 MHS students had an "A" in every subject, making the Principal's List.

These scholars are: seniors Mark Baker, Rene Davis, Emily Steele and Monique Van andingham;

Juniors: Anita Bell and Ronnie Holsombeck.

Sophomores: Todd Austin, David Melsoni, and Clare Golson.

Freshmen: Jeffery Gentry, Taylor Lawrence, Patricia Lesley, Robyn Perkins and Krislin Stewart.

## It's News Downtown--

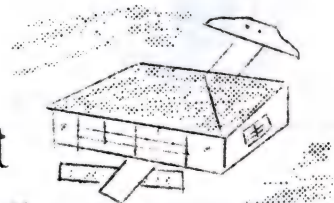
## Council plans depot replacement

Montevallo City Council met last week and voted unanimously to tear down the depot which was recently damaged by fire.

The Council has plans for a multipurpose structure to be built to house recreation facilities and a community theater.

Planning for the new building will proceed immediately according to MHS Principal W. C. Corbett who serves as chairman of the Park and Recreation Board.

The Montevallo Chamber of Commerce and Pi Kappa Phi alumni organization will sponsor a Miss Montevallo Pageant at the University of Montevallo on



Mar. 24.

The contest will be open to girls between ages 17 and 26 years who also display a talent. Further information is available at the Elizabeth Jr. and the UM bookstore.

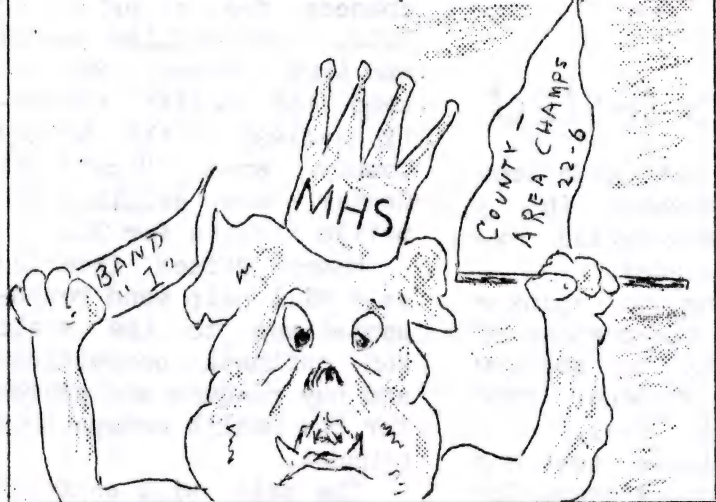
The winner will compete in the Miss Alabama contest later in the year.

Roberts Realty and R&R Construction are currently renovating a recently vacated building on South Main. According to Mr. Sam Roberts of R&R Construction "several possibilities are being considered for the building.

Roberts Realty hopes the building "can be completed and a new business moved in in several weeks."



## Congratulations ! Troubadours, Bulldogs



## Honors come to MHS

GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING to groups and individuals at MHS.

The band received three superior ratings at District last week which enables them to enter the state contest this spring.

The basketball team has had an exceptional season with a 22-6 record and losing out in the region by only one point.

Three individuals have also won honors. Senior David Underwood is to be congratulated for his winning poster which will be shown at a national convention in New Orleans. Mrs. Barbara Belisle, junior class sponsor, was selected favorite teacher by WENN-FM radio last week.

And Mrs. Frances Anthony has been named principal at Montevallo Middle School for next year.

Congratulations go to all these for their recent honors.

## Safety should go with fun

NEXT WEEK MHS will be out of classes for spring holidays. In order to have a "fun" week, safety should be a part of everybody's daily routine.

Some MHSers will be traveling, others will be interested in swimming, hiking, boating and other sports such as tennis, football and raquetball.

No matter what MHSers plan to do during the holidays, they should be careful so all can return to school safely and in good condition on Mar. 19.

## Child gets adult sentence

Recently a 14-year old was indicted on four counts of armed robbery in Brookhaven, Miss. Convicted a week later, he will now serve 48 years in prison.

The young man should be punished but not so harshly. What he needs is rehabilitation.

State prisons contain a variety of criminals and it would do more harm than good to place a juvenile in such facilities. Not only would his health be in danger, but maybe even his life.

## Seniors praised

Principal W.C. Corbett received a letter of commendation from Mr. Pap Morris, student personnel officer at Nunnelley State Technical College, praising MHS seniors for their good conduct during a recent visit to the school.


These seniors should be saluted for their behavior

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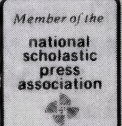
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# Seniors earn scholarships

Seniors are beginning to be recognized as recipients of scholarships to various colleges in Alabama and Mississippi. Already Cliff Anderson, Glenn Anthony, Rene Davis and Stark Harbour have received notification of the honor.

Cliff has accepted a large music scholarship, which is renewable, from the University of Montevallo, while Glenn will receive a freshman honors scholarship to the same institution.

Judson College in Montgomery has offered Rene three scholarships — an Acteen, a valedictorian and the Lockhart. UM has also awarded her a four-year valedictorian scholarship.

Rene has stated that she will probably choose to attend UM.

The University of Mississippi granted Stark a band scholarship as well as a non-resident alumni award.

## Class finishes research project

After several weeks of outlines, note cards, bibliographies and footnoting, seniors in college prep English turned in the final copy of their research papers today.

Subjects researched include autism, cloning, dreams, Cults-Jonestown, flirting and body language.

Teacher Frances Anthony indicates that she feels the time was well spent. "The writing should help prepare the students for college work," she says.



## Scholars tested

All MHS math club members participated in a national mathematics examination Tuesday.

According to sponsor Doug Morris the purpose of the exam is to see how MHS's math students rank on a national level.

The 90-minute test has become an annual event for members of the math club.

## Several join VIP plan of work

Five MHSers are participating in the Vocational Internship Program. They are seniors Selena Davis, Billy Hughes, Cindy Lundsford, Sidney McGaughy and Danny Young.

Billy, who assists Dr. Harrell Day at the Montevallo Animal Clinic, has been involved in the program for two years.

Selena is working at the elementary school as an aid for the kindergarten department. She was enrolled in the day care program at the Shelby County Area Vocational Center which prepared her for the job.

Danny is currently employed with the University of Montevallo's operations department which involves service and maintenance.

In addition, Sidney works with his father who owns the Joe McGaughy Contracting Company.

Mr. Dan Acker, county vocational advisor, must first approve all appointments before the students can become a part of the VIP plan as school work.

Students receive credit toward graduation for the work; some also earn pay.

## Chances sold for \$100 prize

Two MHSers are selling chances for a prize of \$100. Juniors Lisa Harris and Angela Evans, who attend the health occupations class at the Shelby County Area Vocational Center, are selling the raffle tickets for \$1.

Money raised from the sale will help send representatives to the state and national conventions and buy plaques and awards for the health occupations banquet.

The sale will continue through Mar. 19.



## 2 compete at NATS

Last weekend MHS seniors Cliff Anderson and Karen Morris competed in the regional National Association of Teachers of Singing competition.

They earned the trip to the contest at Auburn University by earlier wins in state competition.

"Though neither of us won, the experience was good. Hopefully the critiques will help us in the future," Karen says.



# Spring creates confusion

As seasons change in the South, the weather is in constant motion. One day last week temperatures soared to the high 60's; that night they plunged to the mid 30's.

With weather so varied, one can never tell what to wear. If a coat is suitable in the morning, by afternoon it is a "hot" burden. One can go without a covering in the afternoon, but by night there is a chill.

Because of this, students find it hard to dress appropriately for school.

"I really don't mind, though, because I know it just means it's getting warm again," says senior Carol Knowles.

"This weather is just crazy," sums up office secretary Opal Long.

But whatever the weather now, spring is definitely on its way.

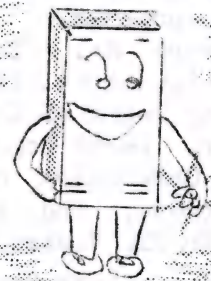
## Grad draws cover

Alabama A&M University in Normal, Ala., held a Black History observance last month. MHS grad ('75) Larry Bolling, a junior at A&M designed the program for the event.

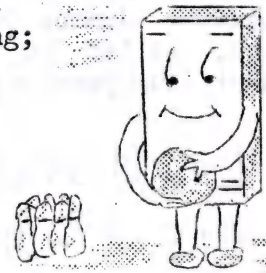
His design, featured on the front, shows three sketches of the late Roy Wilkins, former president of the NAACP.

## Locker Laughs--

## Lynn produces 'small' paper



AEA holidays  
Tell us it's spring;  
And many a junior  
Now has his ring!  
A new six weeks  
Has just begun  
And Locker Laughs  
Add to the fun.



In senior English class students were discussing their essays when Lynn Sawyer told the class that hers was titled "The Age of Miniaturization."

"This is going to be a short paper," Lee Clayton quipped.

Junior Tod Beers got a typing paper back with an F on it.

As some of his fellow classmates chided him, he said, "Don't worry, my D's will pull it up."

## MHSers tell holiday plans

"Takin' it easy" is the plan most MHSers have for spring vacation. A few will be struggling with term papers; but many will sleep, "munch out," take trips and view television.

"I'll try to get my driver's license," says junior Allyson Chappell.

"Watch TV, TV and more TV is what I've planned," reveals senior Kathy Gilmore.

"I'm planning to paint my dad's work car and put in a garage door," notes teacher Danny Goggins.

Junior Lisa Harris will  
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## Classes write critical reviews

Special book reports have been assigned to the students in Mr. W.D. Benton's World studies.

"The reports, fairly difficult, are to be done in the manner of a critical review," Mr. Benton explains.

"I chose the books myself because the ones the students chose were very simple," he adds.

One half of the class reported last six weeks, and the other half will present their reviews this six weeks.

Books chosen include The Rise of Red China, Florence Nightingale and Winston Churchill.

In 3rd period history Mr. Danny Goggins asked his students, "For what were Indian men known?" Junior Clay Fowler quickly punned, "Sitting around shooting the bull."

During a sixth period bowling session senior Glenn Anthony kept missing the pins with his ball.

When asked why he could not keep the ball in the lane, he replied, "My mind is in the gutter."



# Grad wins state honor

FORMER MHSer Tricia Corbett was awarded the highest honor that a female athlete can win in Alabama. She received the Mary Whitfield "Whit" Lee Memorial Award for 1979 at the finals of the Alabama Association of Inter-Collegiate Athletics for Women at the tournament in Troy last week. Schools from all over the state nominated lady athletes for the honor.

Nominations for the honor are based on outstanding academic achievement, leadership and sportsmanship. Student athletes of AAIAW schools from the entire state voted on the recipient.

The 1975 MHS grad, who is Principal W. C. Corbett's daughter, earlier received the first annual UM sportsmanship award.

Tricia, who plays on UM's female basketball team, received a bronze plaque and a dozen red roses.

Her latest honor was named for "Whit" Lee, an outstanding Judson College athlete, killed in a car accident four years ago.

## Bulldogs smash Tigers 77-30

Montevallo High closed out its regular basketball season Feb. 23 as they whipped the West Blocton Tigers 77-30 at Blocton.

Earl Hayes, MHS's leading scorer and rebounder for the season, pumped in 23 points to pace the win.

The victory was No. 20 for Coach Kurt Pnazeck's 'Dogs as they carried a 20-5 record into the area tournament in Vincent.

### Scoring by quarters

MHS	17	18	22	20	77
WBHS	6	8	10	6	30

## Senior wins poster contest

Senior David Underwood took top honor in a state wide poster contest in observance of National PE Week, Mar. 1-7.

David's poster, portraying several cartoon characters, used the week's theme, Get Moving; America!

Cindy Robins from Montevallo Elementary School was her division winner.

Originality, creativity and theme were the main factors for judging. Student teacher Mary Yelle from UM served as coordinator of the program.

Judges were Mr. Ted Lansford, assistant to the Shelby County Board of Education; Mr. David Long, Governor's Commission on Physical Fitness; and UM President, Dr. Jim Vickrey.

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## Gridsters work; coach 'excited'

Coach Richard Gilliam is "excited" as spring football ended its second week of drills this week. Fundamentals have been stressed the first two weeks to give the new players a short "class" in football, while returning men brushed up on old techniques.

Practices have been good according to Coach Gilliam, and a lot of "good athletes" will shoot for positions after the spring break.

"We're going to try to put it all together after AEA and get ready for the Orange-Blue game," says Coach.

MHS will end spring drills Mar. 30 when the Bulldogs take on the Pelham High Panthers in the Shelby County Football Jamboree at Oliver Park, Calera.

## Bulldog Grows--

## Ashville axes MHS's hope for state

by Kevin Hughes

A one-point loss to a fast crew from Ashville



dampened a soaring season for the Bulldogs, knocking them out of a state tournament trip.

It was one of those games for the 'Dogs when everything seems to go the wrong way.

But the Bulldogs can still be proud, for they claimed two crowns along the way--the biggest perhaps being the county title at Pelham.

They also advanced to the Region by taking the Area 7 championship, moving their record to 22-5 before the region match.

Coach Kurt Pnazeck and the team showed championship traits throughout the season and accumulated a number of trophies for MHS's "bulging" cases.

Congratulations, 'Dogs for another great year!



For state tournament trip--



### ONE LAST LOOK!

Bulldogs Bret Jones and Sam Purnell (l-r) take one final look at the Area 7 basketball trophy they helped win as Coach Kurt Pnazeck prepares to add it to the trophy case of MHS.

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## Bulldogs gain recognition

Four Bulldogs received post-season honors last week. Seniors Kenneth Bell and Earl Hayes and junior Sam Purnell were named to the All-County basketball squad chosen by the coaches, and Otto Fields was voted honorable mention.

All-County players will attend a banquet in their honor at Indian Springs School this spring along with those from other schools in the county who earned the title.

Bell and Purnell were also named to the Area 7 tournament team, and Hayes won most valuable player.

Coach Kurt Pnazeck commented, "I'm proud these three were selected and that the coaches' voting was based on defensive play as well as offensive.

## Club plans dinner

Montevallo's Athletics Boosters will sponsor the annual basketball banquet Mar. 31 at the UM cafeteria at 6 p.m.

The dinner will honor all four MHS basketball teams--varsity, "B," junior and female.

# Ashville's 'Dogs beat MHS's

ANOTHER PACK OF BULLDOGS crushed MHS's Bulldogs' hopes for a state championship in the Region 4 finals Saturday at Vincent, 43-42.

Montevallo tied the game at 40 with two minutes left. Ashville's Erroll Newton hit a basket and a final free throw with 1:07 remaining.

With five seconds remaining Bret Jones scored for MHS to pull the count even closer but still one point short when the final buzzer sounded.

### Things go foul!

A major factor in the game was MHS's 28 team fouls, with every starter except one fouling out of the game. "We didn't play up to our potential--had too many turnovers and too many fouls," Coach Kurt Pnazeck notes.

Jones was the only MHSer in double figures with 18 points. Newton was Ashville's best with 21; Rick Looney added 12.

### Scoring by quarters

MHS	14	6	5	17	42
AHS	9	6	10	18	43

Earl Hayes, area tournament MVP, led MHS in winning the Area 7 title Friday when the 'Dogs beat Talladega County Training School, 51-46.

### Going gets tough

Montevallo led TCTS throughout the first half and was ahead 33-22 at intermission. But when the Bulldogs went cold in the third period and scored only one field goal, TCTS took a 38-35 lead early in the final quarter.

A 3-pointer by Sam Purnell and a free throw and a basket by Jones and two points from Hayes got MHS ahead for good, 43-38.

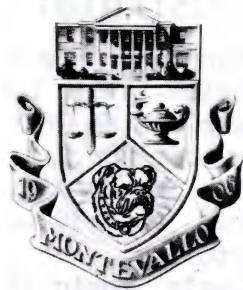
### Vincent falls

To advance to the area finals Montevallo defeated Vincent 51-46 Thursday.

Hayes poured in a season's high of 28 points to pace the 'Dogs in the win. Bell scored 12 and Mark Singh added 10.



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## Days to mark

Mar. 30--Jamboree--Calera  
31--Basketball banquet  
Apr. 2--PTA at MHS  
7--Trade Day  
14--Jr.-Sr. Prom  
15--Easter  
27--April Holiday  
28--Town-Country Run  
May 11--Awards Day  
24--Graduation  
June 4--Summer School

At JS tournament--

## Moth team competes

Five MHSers will compete in the Jefferson State Invitational Mathematics Tournament today. They are seniors Glenn Anthony and Emily Steele, junior Tod Beers and freshman Taylor Lawrence along with one alternate.

"I think we have the potential to be a winner if we'll just put it all together," instructor Doug Morris says.

### Class performance tells

Team members are chosen by Mr. Morris from the math club according to their performance in class.

At Samford University's math tournament Feb. 24 Glenn, Emily, Tod and junior Brenda Kuhnelt placed ninth in their division. Taylor, an alternate for the test, had the highest score for MHS.

### National exam

In the recent National Mathematics Examination, Taylor also tied with senior Mark Singh for the school's highest score.

MHS will participate in the Shelby County Mathematics Tournament Apr. 21 at the University of Montevallo.

## The end nears

Only 38 regular school days remain this year with a holiday set for Apr. 27. Graduation is May 24.



FIGURING TO WIN!

MHS's math team gathers in the lounge for a little last-minute reviewing before the tournament. Shown above (l-r) are Emily Steele, Glenn Anthony, Tod Beers and Taylor Lawrence.

## Band, chorus will join trade day

MHS's marching band and the Lady Troubadours, MHS's girls chorus, will participate in the second annual arts and crafts show sponsored by Montevallo's Central Garden Club. The trade day will be held from 9 to 5 on Saturday, Apr. 7, in downtown Montevallo. According to club president Linda Byrd Lawley (MHS '67), one hundred exhibits are expected in addition to the entertainment.

The Troubadours will start the day at 9:15, while the girls are scheduled to sing later in the morning. Thompson High School's jazz band, gospel quartets and other singing groups will also entertain. Even an Easter bunny, Smokey the Bear and a clown will be on hand to entertain the children Mrs. Lawley says.

Plans have been made to move the exhibits and booths to MHS's auditorium if it rains.



## Dinner to honor Mr. Hill

Superintendent of Shelby County Schools Elvin Hill will be honored Apr. 5 with a banquet at Kahler Inn in Birmingham. The purpose of the "Hill Appreciation Dinner" is to recognize Mr. Hill's Contributions to education and civic life in Shelby County and Alabama which include 38 years in public education, 21 of which have been spent as county superintendent.

Montevallo teachers Barbara Belisle, Susie DeMent and Emily Pendleton join several other county teachers on the planning committee. Assistant superintendent Vern Davis is chairman.

Mr. Frank Ellis, Jr., will serve as master of ceremonies for the event.

## Principal is ill

Principal W. C. Corbett is recuperating from an illness for which he was hospitalized while visiting relatives in Michigan during spring holidays.

According to his wife, Mrs. Ellen Corbett, the principal should be back at MHS within the next two weeks.

Assistant Principal Frances Anthony has been in charge at MHS during Mr. Corbett's absence.

## Summer plans set

MHS summer school begins June 4. Classes to be offered from 8-12 daily are: biology, democracy/economics; English 9, 10, and 11; typing I and II, U. S. history and world studies.

Students may earn one credit in any of these subjects. Fees for the six weeks are \$45; \$30 for one semester ( $\frac{1}{2}$  unit).

## Vandals strike

Several acts of vandalism have been reported around MHS campus in recent weeks.

According to bus driver Sara Morris approximately 155 gallons of gas were siphoned from four of the MHS buses before the spring holidays.

Mrs. Morris also reports that five windshields were broken out during vacation. This damage amounted to around \$250.

## It's News Downtown--

### Lacey's grows; offers variety

Lacey's Jewelry Store on South Main Street reopened Mar. 15 after being closed several weeks for remodeling. Mr. Bobby Hughes of Hughes Construction was contractor.

According to owners Phillip and Billie Lacey the store is "stocked with new china patterns and selections of jewelry in addition to the traditional ones."

Montevallo Florist, located on the corner of Main and Shelby, opened Mar. 16. The new business is owned by Mrs. Karen Compton. Telephone number is 665-2221.

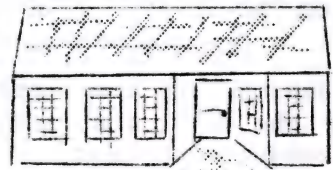
## PTA to feature new administrator

Superintendent elect Charles Knowles will be guest speaker at the last PTA meeting of the year Monday night. The session will be held at 7:30 in the MHS auditorium.

Mr. Knowles's topic is Upgrading the Instructional Level of Schools.

Other features of the program will include a brief business meeting for election of new officers and the recognition of students at Montevallo Middle School and MHS seniors with an "A" average.

Dr. Henry Lash has served as PTA president this year.



New signs have been erected at each end of the Wilton City limits on Hwy. 25. They read: "Welcome to Wilton. Incorporated in 1918."

Last Sunday dedication services were held at Wilton Bible Baptist Church which was recently built near Hwy. 25 in Wilton.

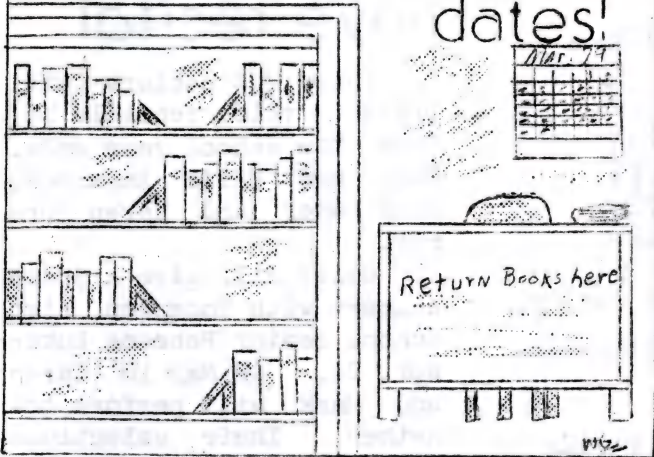
Pastor of the church is Rev. Tom Hammett.

The Maylene Country Store, located on Hwy. 17 in Maylene, is now open.

The store, operated by owner Vivian Burnette, features a variety of dry goods and beverages.



## Notice those due dates!



## Responsibility overdue

Students have been showing a lack of responsibility in the school library. According to librarian Joe Brady a large portion of the student body has overdue books. Approximately 25 to 30 books have been due since the fall, in addition to 80 others which have been out since January he reports.

Since students have the opportunity to check books out for a two-weeks period and may recheck them as often as they like, then more effort should be put forth to return the books on time.

## Vondals 'rob' school funds

As gasoline prices soar, reports of stolen fuel continue to mount, and MHS seems to be the most recent victim of the vandalism.

It is a shame that people would commit such an act as stealing gas from buses as well as breaking bus windows with all the financial problems that schools now face due to state funding.

The money spent to compensate for these losses could have better been used for teaching aids or additional books.

Perhaps those who did these unlawful deeds will think of such things before performing such actions again.

## Rules forgotten?

With the arrival of warm weather, a few students seem to have forgotten MHS's Dress Code. Perhaps they should review the handbook.

According to the Code, "halters and tank tops are not to be worn." Students must also wear clothing that covers the abdomen.

## Clutter hurts school campus

Littering is ruining the appearance of MHS campus, which is usually considered neat. Drivers are finding it impossible to dodge soft drink bottles and cans in the parking lot.

Even though paper, potato chip bags, etc. are not harmful, they do add to the clutter.

Perhaps one solution to this problem is for some group or club to place at least two trash containers in the parking area.

Another answer is for students to receive clean-up detail as punishment.

## Principal is missed

For the past two weeks Principal W. C. Corbett has been missed by students and faculty at MHS.

He has been absent since spring holidays when he became ill. Hopefully, he will have a speedy recovery and soon be back to resume his duties.

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## Club to host local run

Montevallo's Band Boosters will sponsor a Town and Country Run Apr. 28. Participants in the 10,000 meter run will register at 8:00 a.m. that day; registration for a 2-mile run will be at 10:15 a.m.

The races will begin adjacent to Flower Hill at the University of Montevallo and will end at Orr Park. Age divisions are: 14 and under; 15-19; 20-24; 25-29; 30-34; 40-49; and 50 and over. Anyone who regularly runs the distance of their race is eligible for entry.

Trophies will be awarded for first, second and third place in each division of the two runs and certificates will be awarded to all who finish the race.

A \$1 fee will be charged for student entry and \$2 for adults.

Those interested may contact Mr. Bob Hughes at 665-2088 for more information or pick up a registration in MHS's main office.



## Seniors give oral reports

Seniors in college prep English gave oral presentations last week about their term papers completed before the break.

Each student gave a three to five minute talk in front of the class using proper speech habits such as eye contact, voice variety and good posture.

According to teacher Frances Anthony the purpose was to give the group more experience in speaking before a crowd.

"I feel the speeches were beneficial," comments Lee Clayton.

## Band to perform at UM

The Troubadours will compete in the third annual University of Montevallo Band Contest tomorrow playing the same numbers they played earlier at District Contest where they earned superior ratings.

Last year the band received superior ratings and took third place at the University of Montevallo.

The first year the contest was held the Troubadours also earned three superior ratings and were ranked first.

## MHSers will have recital

Three MHS seniors will present voice recitals before the school year ends. They are Cliff Anderson, Mark Baker and Karen Morris.

Cliff will give a joint concert with Thompson High School senior Rebecca Luker Apr. 21. On May 10 Karen and Mark will perform together. Their selections will be from the musical "Brigadoon."

Both events will be held at LeBaron recital hall at the University of Montevallo. Both start at 8:00.

## Class sells plants

Shelby County Area Vocational Center's horticulture class is now selling tomato plants (25¢), hanging baskets (\$6), and various small plants (50¢).

For more information one may contact sophomore Vicky Evans or junior Allen Naugher who are members of the class.

## Awards Day taking shape

May 11 has been set as the day for MHS's annual Awards Day according to program coordinator Susie DeMent.

The school's traditional awards will be presented to outstanding students and athletes and several adults will be recognized during the event.

One change Miss DeMent notes is that the Danforth Award goes this year to juniors instead of seniors.

The change was made by the Danforth Foundation, sponsors of the award for outstanding students.

## Governor says test

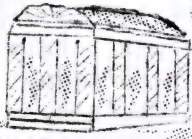
Apr. 23-25 has been set apart for administering the California Achievement Test.

Grades 1 - 12 will take the test as a result of a mandate passed by Governor Fob James earlier in the year.



## Mrs. Parker visits Greece

MHS teacher Ann Parker spent spring vacation in Greece.



The trip was a project of a study group of 54 people from the University of Montevallo.

UM's English department sponsored the activity which was directed by Dr. John Lott.

The Montevallo group left New York Fri., Mar. 9, and returned on Saturday the following week.

Mrs. Parker visited the ruins of Cape Sounion, Corinth, Mycenae, Epidaurus and Delphi. She also saw the islands of Aigima, Poros and Hydra.

"It was all exciting," says Mrs. Parker, but my favorite part of the trip was seeing the Parthenon from our hotel balcony in the moonlight."

## Holiday to bring pranks

by Michelle Agee

MHSers will celebrate April Fools Day Sunday. Although they might not be aware of it, some of them will be April "fish" or April "gowk." These terms come from other countries for those who have Apr. 1 pranks played on them—"fish" from France; "gowk" from Scotland.

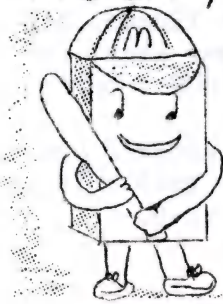
In Alabama and the U.S. those who fall for jokes on the first day of April are simply called April fools.

The Apr. 1 custom of trick playing began in France.

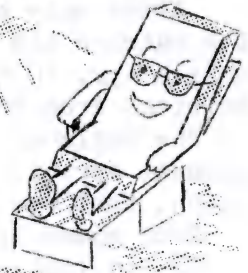
Such jokes are usually part of the school day as April begins, but MHSers will have to be content to find their "fish" or "gowk" outside of school this year as they plan their fun for Sunday.

## Locker Laughs--

### Heavy outfit gives laugh



Early signs tell us  
Spring is here,  
And baseball season  
Is getting near.  
Winter weather is  
Over and done,  
And Locker Laughs  
Still bring us fun.



While discussing the band's need for new, lighter uniforms, Billy Brantley said, "I have mine (the present style) in the back of my car and get four miles less to the gallon; it's that heavy!"

In first period history class sophomores Valerie Anderson and Montez Thrift were discussing when he was going to pay the money he owed her.

Sophomore Beverly Ray broke in with, "Pay me."

"Pay you what?" Montez questioned.

"No attention," Beverly replied.

In business law class senior Wanda Prentice told Mr. Benton, "Someone wants to see me."

"Yeah, I do, right in here," Mr. Benton replied.

Several students were discussing what the school mascot should be if MHS and Calera High Schools were joined since Calera students are Eagles and Montevallo is the Bulldog.

When no one could think of a good way to combine them, senior Lee Clayton suggested, "The Birddogs."

During the same discussion, senior Shawn Spicer thought of another possible name, "The Beagles."

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## Seniors review math principles

Seniors in economics will begin a unit on general math Monday. The course will last three weeks, ending Apr. 20.

Students will work with decimals, percentages, fractions, and word problems. Tests will be given on the material covered in class and the scores will be averaged with the fifth six weeks grades.

According to teacher George Lilly the purpose of this unit is to give a brief review on general business math.

The class took a test last Tuesday in order to see what areas they were weakest in.



# Baseball begins Apr. 10

After only one week of practice, Coach Richard Gilliam matches his Bulldogs in baseball against area foe Chelsea Apr. 10 at Montevallo. Last year MHS took two decisions from the Hornets, 12-5 and 12-4.

The Bulldogs square off with Vincent, another area opponent Apr. 12 at Vincent. In their only battle last season, the 'Dogs dropped the Yellowjackets 11-9.

Both games begin at 4:00 p.m.

"I am looking forward to this season with great anxiety," Coach Gilliam says.

Here's the schedule:

Apr. 10	Chelsea (H)	4:00
12	Vincent (T)	4:00
16	Vincent (H)	4:00
17	Chelsea (T)	4:00
19	Calera (T)	3:30
21	Thompson (T)	7:00
23	Shelby Co (H)	4:00
24	Jemison (T)	4:00
27-28	Area playoffs	
May 1	Pelham (H)	4:00
3	Jemison (H)	4:00
4	Shelby (T)	7:00
7	Calera (H)	4:00
8	Pelham (T)	4:00
14-18	County Tournament at Columbiana	

## Track squad starts training

Men's and women's track teams met Wednesday to organize for this season.

The squads will work together this year under Coach Kurt Pnazeck, with Coach Dot Bishop helping.

Tentative competition includes a Shelby County meet Apr. 24 and a meet at Indian Springs against Pelham, Briarwood and Vincent Apr. 17.

MHS distance runner Ernest Glover who came in third in the 2-mile run at State last year, says "I'm ready to run!"

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## Intersquad game ends in deadlock

Although the Blue took an early 14-0 lead, the Orange bounced back to end the annual spring intersquad football game in a 14-14 tie.

Mardis Tolbert scored both Orange touchdowns and Reggie Evans and 8th grader Andrew Gentry had a TD apiece for the Blue.

Coach Richard Gilliam commented that he was "pleased by the comeback of the Orange and the effort of both teams." He added that the squad does "show promise."

Junior varsity jamboree games were played Tuesday night. Chelsea edged the Bullpups 8-6.

## Bulldog Growls--

# MHS adds new sport

by Kevin Hughes

A new dimension to MHS sports swings into action today at Chelsea. Tennis has bounced into the sports program due to the interest of some students and Mr. Sam Slatsky from the University of Montevallo.

Mr. Slatsky and an enthusiastic tennis club have put together a "first" for MHS and open competition today. The squad consists of 10 members who have been practicing about two months with Mr. Slatsky as their coach.

It is always difficult to get a new sport underway, but the spirit shown by the team should produce another winner for MHS.

Support means much to an athlete competing and Bulldog fans always show interest in their teams, so let's help add some more trophies to our hallway. Support the newest athletes. Good luck, Bulldogs!



## Boosters to honor cagers

Tomorrow night Montevallo's basketball teams will be honored with a traditional banquet given by the local Athletic Boosters. The dinner will be held at the University of Montevallo cafeteria.

According to Coach Kurt Pnazeck varsity awards will be given to the team's most valuable player, most improved player, captain and the best defensive player.

"B," junior, and girls' squads will also receive recognition at the event at which approximately 90 guests are expected according to banquet chairman Jane Jones.



At Chelsea, 2 p.m.--

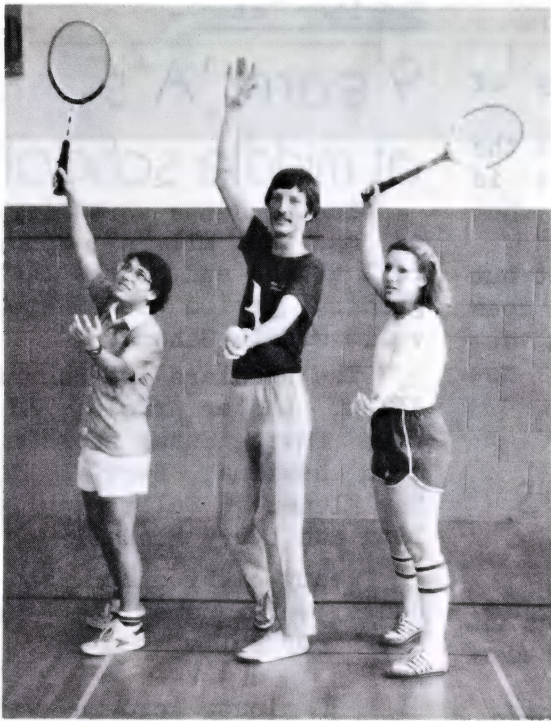
## Tennis team debuts

MHS's newly formed tennis team will begin its season today, with games scheduled through the end of the school year. The male squad, captained by Cliff Anderson, will open play against Chelsea, there, at 2:00 this afternoon.

Other members of the male team are Tod Beers, Taylor Lawrence and Kevin McCoy. The girls, led by Vickie Crowson, also take on Chelsea for their first outing, Apr. 4.

Marla Abbott, Belinda Morris, Robyn and Ruth Perkins and Tammy and Vicki Whitfield, along with Crowson, make up the girls' squad.

Mr. Sam Slatsky, coach of both teams, held a marathon last Friday and Saturday to raise funds for team equipment. The coach challenged all comers for 24 consecutive hours, allowing himself only five minutes rest per hour of play.



REACHING HIGH!

Coach Sam Slatsky shows tennis team members Cliff Anderson (left) and Vickie Crowson correct arm positioning on overhand serve.

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In jamboree at Calera--

## Bulldogs play Pelham

Spring football drills come to an end tonight as the Bulldogs take on Pelham in the spring jamboree at Calera at 7:45. Other two-quarter matches scheduled at the jamboree are Isabella vs. Thorsby, 6:15; Chelsea vs. Briarwood, 7:00; and Calera vs. Jemison, 8:30.

Coach Richard Gilliam says that spring practice has gone well but points out there is "room for improvement before next fall." The Bulldogs will field a very young team tonight with several freshman and sophomores in key positions according to Coach.

"It will be one of the youngest teams that has been at Montevallo in a good while," says Coach Gilliam who is optimistic and expects a "good game tonight."

## Hayes adds 'State' to laurels

MHS center Earl Hayes recently earned honorable mention on the Birmingham Post Herald's 2A All-State team.

The 6'5" senior, who led the Bulldogs in scoring with 447 points and in rebounding (363), was named on the Mid-State Conference tournament team and was most valuable player in Shelby County's tournament earlier this year.

Playing against 3A and 4A competition, Earl also made the All-Tournament team at the Shades Valley Invitational during Christmas. He was placed on the coaches' All-County team and was Area 7's MVP.

## Cheerleaders sponsor clinic

MHS's annual cheerleaders clinic will be held Apr. 9-13. Girls interested in a position signed up last week to attend the session.

Tryouts for varsity cheerleaders will be held Apr. 14.

According to this year's head cheerer Jan Gauntt, varsity cheerleaders not going out will teach jumps, cheers, stunts and a pom-pom routine during clinic for newcomers.

Cheerleader sponsor Delilah Robinson is faculty member in charge of the clinic and selection.



## Sophomores' study varies

Tenth grade English classes are doing a variety of activities.

Last week Mrs. Barbara Belisle's class studied the play, "The Miracle Worker" by William Gibson. This is a story about Helen Keller and how she overcame her blindness and deafness.

"We're doing the play not only for entertainment but also so students can appreciate the work that one does to help the handicapped and to show how they have a desire to learn," Mrs. Belisle explains. Her class is now reading plays and stories from SCOPE magazine.

In Mrs. Ann Parker's English 10 class students are working on several areas--essays, explanations, critical reviews of films, extended definitions and vocabulary.

Sophomores in Mrs. Cathy Bearden's classes are reading the play, "Julius Caesar," by William Shakespeare.

"We're listening to recordings of professional actors rather than reading the play aloud," states Mrs. Bearden.

## Class studies parenthood

Mrs. Rose Ellen Hankins's family living class recently completed oral reports on attitude changes toward parenting.

The study was concerned with reasons to have children vs. reasons not to have children. The group also interviewed couples who have children and some who are childless.

"I have always wanted children but never realized how expensive it is until now," senior Beth Rochester comments after the class learned that it presently costs parents over \$60,000 to raise and educate each child.

## Ag practices trowel work

Agribusiness classes under Mr. Charles Kidd began bricklaying Mar. 19.

"The students are practicing making walls," says Mr. Kidd.

The structures are not permanent, so they can be torn down and be rebuilt by other classes.

In order to do this lime and sand are used as mortar instead of cement, as this mixture will get hard but not stick, Mr. Kidd explains.

For 5-year review at MES--

## Southern Association to visit

The visiting committee from the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges for the Five-Year Interim Review will observe activities at Montevallo Elementary School Apr. 2 and 3.

MES recently held its first Science Fair. Classroom exhibits were displayed from kindergarten through third grades. Individual projects on electricity, the solar system, volcanos and soil were completed by fourth and fifth grade students.

Fourth grade winners were Cathy Andrews, Lamere Boothe, Scott George, John Hardin, Randy Johnson, Jeffrey Langston, Meg Perkins and Shelia Readall.

Fifth graders who received awards are Andy Anderson, Scott Austin, Leah Baker, Jerry Bush, Greg Butler, Danny Fancher and Stann Mahan.

## Neighbor Notes--

## 9 earn 'A's<sup>for short</sup> at middle school

Nine students were listed on the all "A" honor roll at the end of the last grading period at Montevallo Middle School.

The scholars are Sherri Allen, Lester Arnold, Adrian Davis, Susan Hardin, John Hawkins, Bert Lott, Kay Klemenc, Sally MacMillian and Larry Readall.

Twenty-eight other students were named to the A-B honor roll.

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A 30-minute read-in was added to the MMS schedule last Friday. The program is sponsored annually by federally funded Title I reading program. The last 30 minutes of the day was devoted to reading.

Participants could read any magazines, books or pamphlets they preferred.

The purpose of the program is to stimulate interest in reading according to secretary Jane Jones.



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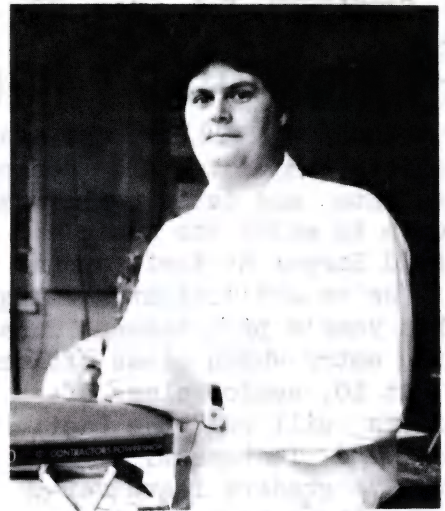


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## EVERYTHING IS OK

Mr. Tom Berry checks shop tools on his arrival at MHS before taking over ag classes at MHS.

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## Musicians rank tops

UNDER THE DIRECTION OF Mr. Jim Weese, MHS's concert band won top honors at the fourth annual band contest at the University of Montevallo Mar. 31. Twelve bands from across the state competed in the program.

Montevallo's group was awarded the "best overall" trophy as well as best in Class C competition and superior ratings.

### Judges grade 2 superior

Montevallo and Midfield High were the only two bands to receive superior ratings from the judges. In their division the Troubadours were first, Midfield second and Oak Grove High School third.

"I'm really very proud of the fine performance of the band," Mr. Weese says.

### State comes next

Bandsmen are now looking toward the state contest at Samford University Apr. 18 at which they will play the three selections which earned their superior ratings at district.

They compete at Samford at 7:30 p.m.

"I think our band this year is one of the finest we've ever had; and with their cooperation and concentration, I believe we can make straight ones in state competition," adds Mr. Weese.

## Moth squad rates at JSJC tourney

MHS's math team placed fourth on the written exam and sixth in ciphering in Jefferson State Junior College's recent invitational mathematics tournament.

In individual scoring Taylor Lawrence ranked fifth on the written exam in MHS's division.

According to math club

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## Mr. Berry joins MHS faculty

MHS has a new faculty member. Mr. Tom Berry replaces agribusiness teacher Terry Foshee who has accepted another job in Oxford, Ala.

Mr. Berry holds both BS and MS degrees from Auburn University from which he was recently graduated.

According to Mr. Berry this is "my first time to teach and it appears to be demanding at times, but I have been interested in agriculture since the 10th grade, so I know I'll like working in this field."

He is married and has one son, Wade.

## School year nears closing date

Today ends the fifth six weeks and MHS students will receive their report cards next Friday at a special homeroom period at 2:40.

Monday starts the last six weeks of the semester which ends May 25 with the closing of school. Graduation date is May 24.



## Prom comes tomorrow

TOMORROW AT 8 P.M. the awaited night for juniors and seniors arrives. All "decked out" in their formals students and dates will travel to Birmingham's Hyatt House to enjoy the music and light show of disc jockey David Harper at their annual junior-senior prom.

"We've Got Tonight," sung by Bob Seager, will be this year's prom theme. Tina Barrow submitted the winning entry which class officers chose.

At 10, senior class officers will read the Last Will and Testament. All twelfth graders leave various items to underclassmen in this document.

A photographer will be provided for those who desire pictures. A \$5 fee is payable at the camera, according to yearbook advisor Frances Anthony.

To reach Hyatt House from Montevallo, MHSers should get on I-65 North in Riverchase and continue north at the I-59 interchange.

They then exit on 22nd Street, go to the first traffic light, turn right and travel half a block to 21st Street, from where the Hyatt House is visible.

MHS's prom will be in the Baltic and Mediterranean Rooms.

## Moth squad--(Cont'd)

sponsor Doug Morris general math, Algebra I and advanced math teams will represent Montevallo in Shelby County's third annual math tournament Apr. 21. Team members have not been selected yet but will come from the math club.

Mr. Morris adds that this year's advanced test is being prepared by UM while the other tests will be made by county math teachers.

## Davis to speak

Tomorrow senior Rene Davis will compete at the state Alabama Baptist Youth Speakers Tournament. The event is to be held in Montgomery.

In order to participate Rene had to win the area and district contests. Her subject is "The Bible as a Love Letter."

State Winners compete in Ridgecrest, N.C., this summer.

## Superintendent receives praise

Retiring Shelby County School Superintendent Elvin Hill was honored Apr. 5 at a dinner at Kahler Inn in Birmingham.

In appreciation for the Superintendent's 21 years in this elected office, friends and employees of Shelby County presented Mr. Hill a fishing boat.

Among the many tributes and citations the retiree received was the naming of the new elementary school in Columbiana in his honor--The Elvin Hill Elementary School.

Proceeds from the dinner and other donations from friends were used to purchase the boat.

## It's News Downtown--

### Boosters plan beauty pageant

MHS Athletics Boosters will sponsor a Little Miss Montevallo contest May 5, 7:30 p.m. at MHS.

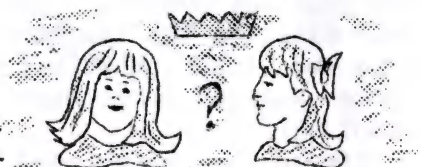
Interested girls (kindergarten through grade 5) must enter before Apr. 28. Entry fee is \$5.

For further information one may call 665-7460 or 665-5167 (after 6 p.m.).

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A one-hour community service will be held Easter morning at 6 a.m. at the college lake with coffee and doughnuts served afterwards.

If it is raining, the service will be held in the college clubhouse.



Miss Susan Grooms of Isabella was crowned Miss Montevallo Mar. 24 at UM and will represent Montevallo in the state Miss Alabama Pageant in June.

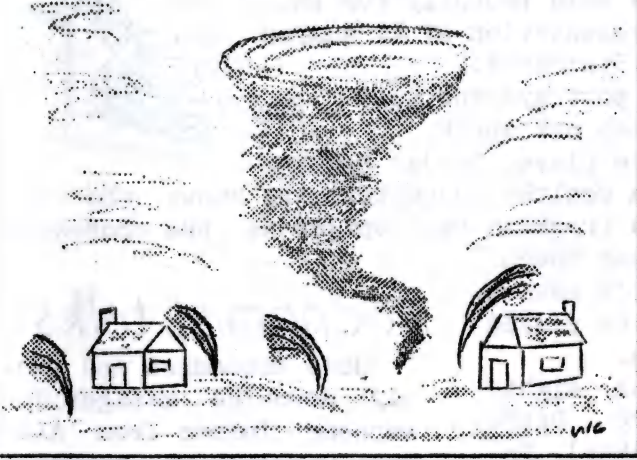
In addition to a crown donated by the Elizabeth, Jr., and roses, the winner received a \$100 wardrobe from the Elizabeth Shoppe and scholarship opportunities.

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A reception will be held in Reynolds Hall, University of Montevallo, Apr. 22 from 2 to 4 in honor of Dr. Frances Cannon who is retiring from the university's College of Education in May.



## Warnings require heed



## Weather needs precautions

SINCE TORNADO SEASON IS HERE and Alabama is in the tornado belt, MHSers should take safety precautions in case the weather is favorable for a tornado.

Some ideas for safety are to go to the nearest basement, crouch in a southwest corner or lie flat between heavy objects and stay away from windows.

If a tornado occurs while school is in session, students in the gym, outdoors or in the annex should proceed directly to the gym basement. Those upstairs should go to the first floor hallway, as should all first floor students, and assume the "crouch and cover" position. Those in home ec, vocational ag and Alice Boyd building should gather in their respective hallways. Band students should report to the gym basement.

Three short rings of the bell followed by a pause and three more short rings of the bell is the signal for a tornado or a tornado drill.

## Study time limited

There are only six more weeks of school. This is the last chance for students to bring up grades and semester averages.

With spring in the air, MHSers are more apt to let their minds wander and forget their studies. However, school is not out yet; and students need to keep up their good study habits to insure they receive the best possible grades for this second semester.

## What is Easter?

When the word "Easter" is mentioned, thoughts of decorated eggs, bunnies, candy, getting something new to wear and going to church appear in the mind.

People are so busy finding decorations and accessories that the meaning of the day itself can be missed. If everyone would really think about Easter, they would realize it means "life" or a "new beginning."

It is the day of the resurrection of Christ and is observed among Christians throughout the universe.

Christ was crucified on the cross so that we might have forgiveness for our sins and life eternal. Without this sacrifice, there could be no new beginnings, no forgiveness of sin and no hope for a life eternal which He offers us.

So as the Easter season comes, we should remember the true meaning of the day itself.

## Schedule changes

SPOTLIGHT's next issue will come out on Thursday, Apr. 26, rather than on Friday due to a holiday.

Shelby County students and teachers will enjoy an April holiday this year for the first time.

The three-day weekend came as a result of a day that was scheduled for a "snow day" that did not come this year.

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## Mayhall gets poem printed

"Happiness Is You" is the title of junior Michelle Mayhall's poem published in Fragments, a newspaper of poetry, prose and drawings by students.

Fragments is produced by Time magazine for students who participate in the Time education program. MHS's journalism I students are members of this.

"I'm glad Michelle's work was printed, but I wish more of my students would submit their original pieces," says journalism teacher Cathy Bearden.

## Sawyer takes play's lead

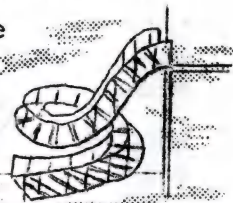
Senior Lynn Sawyer earned the lead role when tryouts were held recently for the dramatics club presentation of F. Andrew Leslie's "Spiral Staircase."

Although Lynn portrays the main character, she does not speak.

Other parts are played by Gay Perkins as Mrs. Warren, a wealthy eccentric who knows who the murderer is, and freshman Paul Spicer as the professor who "does more than teach."

The professor's assistant Stephen will be played by Curtis Peoples.

Completing the eight-member cast are Debra Jones (Nurse Barker), Felicia Phillips (servant), Cliff Anderson (Dr. Parry) and Patrick Sims (Constable).



## Economist talks

Home economist and family resource manager Josephene Turner from Alabama Cooperative Extension Service in Auburn spoke at a junior-senior assembly Tuesday.

She spoke on money management and how to save for the future.

Students were given handout sheets with a chart showing a plan for wise moneyspending.

## Nurse lectures family living class

Registered nurse Jeanette Merijanian spoke to the family living class twice last week.

The class viewed and discussed slides and a film on the birth process with Mrs. Merijanian.

The nurse also talked about preparation and methods of labor for a normal birth. She also spoke about birth with difficulties and several kinds of birth processes other than natural.

The class also went to Shelby Memorial Hospital Monday to see the "birthing" rooms recently constructed there which are the only ones of their kinds in the Southeast.

## Seniors honored at PTA

Seniors Glenn Anthony, Vicki Crowson, Rene Davis, Janet Hicks, Karen Morris, Gay Perkins, Lynn Sawyer, Shawn Spicer, Emily Steele and Monique VanLandingham were recognized at the last PTA meeting for maintaining an A average throughout their high school years. Several Middle School students were cited for all A's.

Dr. Henry Lash, president, presented a plaque from the organization to Mrs. Doris Jeter. The plaque's inscription says: "To Doris Jeter for 17 years of devotion and dedication to the children of Montevallo Elementary School."

Mr. Charles Knowles, incoming superintendent of Education, spoke to the group on the elimination of study halls and band technique classes, possible after-regular-school-hours classes, the importance of a guidance counselor in high school and changes in scheduling for next year.

## 'Spotlight'ers to celebrate

The journalism club's annual spring banquet is scheduled for next Friday at Hungry Fisherman at 6:30 p.m. SPOTLIGHT staff members are invited to the dinner.

Retiring Montevallo Elementary School principal Doris Jeter and several former SPOTLIGHTers will be special guests of the SPOTLIGHT staff at the dinner.

"I hope the banquet will be a success and that all SPOTLIGHTERS will attend since we have so few opportunities to be together as a group," comments club president Emily Steele.



*Good use  
of quotes*

# Stor discusses his life

by Monique VanLandingham

Rock singer Eddie Money performed at the University of Montevallo Mar. 30, and in a special interview with SPOTLIGHT, he commented on his music and his life.

He compares himself to Otis Reading because they are both "emotional singers." "I like to express myself in my material," he says. His song, "Life for the Taking" shows how he feels about society and growing up.

"I write all my tunes," he claims. He also composes for Leif Garret and Phoebe Snow. "I'm glad 'Eddie Money's' doing well, but I want more outa' life. One of my dreams is to write a tune for Gladys Knight. I want to branch out," he says.

He revealed, "My real name is Money. I changed it once for my folks' sake but changed back.

"I don't like to be in the public eye too much. I'd rather hang around my friends, pat my dog and take out my girl friends."

Though saxophone is his forte, Money also plays the piano, bass guitar, organs, congos and drums. "I work very hard (on stage); I lose as much as ten pounds in a night."

He presently has two albums out on CBS records, Eddie Money and Life for the Taking, which contain the hit singles Maybe I'm a Fool and Two Tickets to Paradise.

## Attire to change

Tomorrow night juniors and seniors exchange jeans for formal outfits to wear to the prom.



Many dresses this year are made of quiana, featuring spaghetti straps, pleats and a blousy look.

The men are wearing tuxedos or suits. Several have light tuxedos with darker trim.

Some couples are following the trend to be "color coordinated."

## Friday the 13th--

# Will today bring bad luck?

by Susan Shinnick

Popular superstitions are related to bad luck--from walking under a ladder to spilling salt. The bad-luck day of which everyone is aware is "Friday the 13th," which happens to be today.

Many believe the day to be filled with bad luck because Christ was crucified on Friday. Others believe that Friday was the day Adam and Eve partook of the forbidden fruit.

The number 13 is also held to be the most unlucky number. This number of people were seated at the Last Supper, with the 13th believed to be Judas.

So it is only natural (or supernatural) when these two unlucky things unite that the result would be a double unlucky day--Friday, the 13th.

## Locker Laughs--

# House action questionable

The baseball team  
Is starting  
right;  
The prom is set  
For tomorrow  
night.

The band's ready  
To go to State,  
And Locker Laughs  
Are simply great!



"Clay Smitherman and I almost got hit by your house," Kevin Hughes informed senior classmate Emily Steele.

Looking at Emily, Karen Morris questioned, "What was your house doing out on the road?"

After watching a long ballgame, freshman Jesse Holsombeck admitted he was supposed to be home helping his father with plants.

When business teacher Susie DeMent said, "You're going to be in the doghouse," Jesse quipped, "In the greenhouse you mean!"

## Prom costs great

The Junior-Senior Prom will be a very expensive event. MHSers' total expenses will exceed \$11,000 if 150 students attend.

On the average each one will pay about \$75 (minimum prices). Boys' portions will go for a tux, dinner, and corsage, while girls spend theirs on their dresses, shoes, jewelry and boutonnieres.



Coach Clem visits MHS--

# Hayes signs with Walker

MHS senior basketball player Earl Hayes has accepted a full scholarship to Walker Junior College in Jasper. The 6'5" center signed Mar. 26 after earlier visiting the school's campus at Coach Glenn Clem's invitation. Coach Kurt Pnazek and Earl's mother Mrs. Leona Hayes, witnessed the signing when Coach Clem visited the MHS campus for the purpose.

Earl's honors this year include making the Shades Valley and Mid-State Conference tournament teams and capturing the MVP award in the Shelby County and Area 7 2A meets.

Named permanent captain and most valuable player by his teammates, he led the 'Dogs this season in a 22-6 record.

"It's always a good feeling as a coach to have players receive a scholarship, but it's even more gratifying to know that a fine young man like Earl can further his education and outlook on life through athletics," Coach Pnazek commented.

## Tennis teams lose to Chelsea

Recent action for MHS tennis teams shows the men losing all sets to Chelsea while the girls won two and lost four.

Scores were:

Cliff Anderson	0-8
Tod Beers	0-8
Taylor Lawrence	3-8
Kevin McCoy	1-8
Vicki Crowson	8-6
Ruth Perkins	8-4
Marla Abbott	5-8
Robyn Perkins	5-8
Tammy Whitfield	6-8
Vicki Whitfield	6-8

Kevin and Cliff, Vickie Crowson and Tammy and Ruth and Robyn Perkins lost doubles matches.

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Jones KO's 18--

# Bulldogs top Chelsea 2-1

by Ronnie Holsombeck  
Junior Bret Jones struck out 18 Chelsea Hornets as the Bulldogs took a 2-1 come-from-behind victory on opening day Apr. 10 at Montevallo.

Chelsea went ahead 1-0 in the fifth inning when pitcher Mike Snyder walked and scored on an infield error.

Still trailing in the bottom of the seventh, Sam Purnell singled and stole second and third. Buddy Holsombeck then drove him in with a "pinch-hit" bunt to tie the count.

After two extra innings played under the lights, Mark Singh scored the winning run. He singled, stole second and reached third on an error. When a pitch got by the catcher, he was in with the winner.

Jones allowed only three hits. Loser Mike Snyder also gave up only three safeties; he fanned eight.

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## First night game comes next week

A four-game county schedule, which includes MHS's first night game of the season, is on tap for the Bulldogs next week.

Monday the Bulldogs host Vincent, and on Tuesday they travel to Chelsea for a rematch. Both games begin at 4:00.

Thursday MHS hits the road again to challenge Calera Eagles at 3:30.

Still traveling, the 'Dogs face Thompson Saturday at 7:00 at Alabaster.

## FCAers have weekend at camp

Twelve FCA members, along with Mr. Larry Acton, Coach Richard Gilliam and assistant coach Bobby Sherrer spent last week end at the Montgomery YMCA camp nine miles north of Wetumpka.

According to Mr. Gilliam the young men were divided into huddle groups for Bible studies and sharing sessions, as well as participating in athletic competition. Five services were also held during the three days.

"The purpose of the camp is to confront those who do not know Jesus Christ and help them grow in their spiritual life," Coach Gilliam explains.

Mr. Gilliam adds that several outstanding college coaches and players, including Miami Dolphins' Mike Kolen (Captain Crunch) were present.





**STAYING IN SHAPE**  
MVP and captain Earl Hayes demonstrates free-shooting form to other award winners (l-r) Keith Gilmore, Bret Jones and Sam Purnell.

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Under Coach Pnazek--

## Track drills get underway

MHS's track teams began practicing last week under the direction of Coach Kurt Pnazek. Nine males and five females are out for the sport.

The men will be led by two state participants from last season while all the girls are freshmen.

Otto Fields (high jump) and Ernest Glover (2-mile run) will be counted on to set the pace.

According to Coach Pnazek the teams are looking toward a county meet Apr. 24 sectional competition on Apr. 26.

Bulldog Growls--

## It's time for baseball

by Kevin Hughes  
"Play ball" is the word at MHS as the 'Dogs opened their baseball season this week.



The 'Dogs will play a 12-game schedule plus area and county tournaments.

The 20-man squad includes several newcomers who could add depth.

Pitchers are usually in demand anywhere, but MHS seems "blessed" with several "good arms." Returning senior David Lash, junior Bret Jones and sophomore David Melsoni bring experience to the mound.

Paul Russell, transfer from Florida, will also help with pitching. As a sophomore last year, Paul claimed a no-hitter.

An "optimistic" Coach Richard Gilliam expects "a good year."

At awards banquet--

## Boosters honor teams

SPECIAL AWARDS went to outstanding Bulldogs as Montevallo Athletics Boosters held their annual basketball banquet honoring the MHS teams Mar. 31 at the University of Montevallo cafeteria.

Varsity men receiving awards were senior Keith Gilmore and junior Bret Jones, Most Improved; Senior Sam Purnell, Best Defensive Player; and Earl Hayes, Permanent Team Captain and Most Valuable.

4 winning teams

All four teams were cited for their winning records--Varsity, 22-6; B team, 18-4; junior varsity, 15-5; and girls, 15-4.

Members of all teams received certificates and/or letters from their coaches.

Cheerleaders letter

In addition, MHS cheerleaders were given letters and sponsor Delilah Robinson described their responsibilities. The group presented their sponsor with a gift of appreciation.

Coach Kurt Pnazek also gave varsity players and scorekeeper Susie DeMent T-shirts with "County Champs '78 and '79" across the front.

The team presented Coach Pnazek a plaque showing the team personnel and record.

## Pelham blanks MHS

The Bulldogs fell 14-0 to Pelham in jamboree action at Calera Mar. 29.

Early in the 2-quarter match the 'Dogs fumbled on their own 21-yd. line, and the Panthers took advantage of the opportunity. They drove to paydirt, scoring on an 8-yd. pass.

A defensive match held until MHS coughed up the ball on their own 5-yd. line to set up the second Pelham touchdown.



## Team claims judging title

Freshman Jessie Holsombeck, sophomore Scott Studdard and senior Sidney McGaughy recently won first place in the Shelby County land judging contest. The event was held at the vocational center.

Students were asked to identify dirt types among other things.

A banquet was held in Alabaster last night for all county winners who now go to district competition in Talladega.

In addition, freshman Sammy Nix, junior Steve Melsoni and senior Billy Hughes placed third in the Livestock judging division.

## Class checks items

The specialized home ec class visited Piggly Wiggly supermarket with student teacher Debbie Dyer to evaluate various forms and costs of convenience foods.

Later the class toured Lacey's Jewelry Shop. Mrs. Billie Lacey discussed creative kinds of China, flatware and glassware with the group.

## Typing students to compete

The annual typing contest to determine school winners at MHS begins Monday and will run for two weeks according to typing teacher Susie DeMent.

To qualify, each student must hand in at least six 3-minute timed writings with no more than three errors on each writing.

A student's top three writings will be averaged to determine his speed. First and second places will be named for boys and girls in first year typing and a first place "over-all" winner will be named.

## Neighbor Notes--

# Schools report activities

THE VISITING COMMITTEE of Southern Association of Colleges and Schools observed classes at Montevallo Elementary School Apr. 2-3. This is required for a school to maintain accreditation according to Principal Doris Jeter. "You passed with flying colors," commented Dr. Ewell Parker, committee chairman, following the visit.

MES held its annual art exhibit Apr. 2-6. All students had some type of art work on display and received a ribbon of recognition according to their work.

Dr. Frances Cannon from UM served as judge. Parents visited the exhibit Apr. 6.

## Jewelry arrives for Class of '79

Last Tuesday 23 MHS seniors received orange and blue class keys, along with graduation announcements, memory books, calling cards and appreciation folders.



According to guidance counselor Frances Anthony in approximately two weeks an assembly will be held so seniors may sign memory books and exchange cards.

Announcements will also be given out then.

The second and fourth grades were involved in an achievement test program ordered by Governor Fob James on Apr. 3-5. The rest of the students will be tested Apr. 16-20.

## MMSers, 4H winners

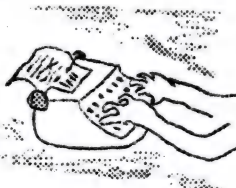
Montevallo Middle School students Kevin James and Kevin Thompson were recent winners at 4H contests.

Kevin James won first place in the woodworking division, and Kevin Thompson earned second in the speaking competition.

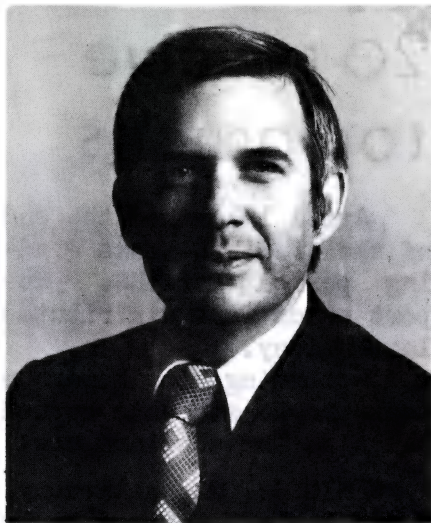
Susan Hardin, Sally MacMillan, Larry Readall and Keith Studdard are the designated members of the MMS math team. They will compete at UM Apr. 23.

Alternates are Andy Brindley, Kevin Colley, John Hawkins, Paula Kimbrel, Bert Lotts, Steve Singh, Eric Spicer and Joy Williams.

After six intramural contests, Sally MacMillan is middle school's spelling champion.







DR. RUSSELL WARREN

Honors Day is May 11--

## Top students earn awards

AWARDS DAY IS MAY 11 with Dr. Russell Warren, vice president of academic affairs at UM as guest speaker. The numerous awards given students on this day include the Danforth and American Legion as well as other citizenship, academic and sportsmanship awards.

The Danforth honor goes to outstanding juniors who show potential for future success, while the American

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## Time changes

Sunday MHSers, along with all Alabamians, will lose one hour's sleep as they switch to Daylight Saving time.

The official change is at 2 a.m. when clocks are set ahead to 3 a.m.

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## State judges rank Troubadours superior

Last Wednesday the MHS concert band received all superior ratings at state contest held at Samford University in Birmingham.

The Troubadours earned a "superior" grade for sightreading as well as three top ratings for their stage performance on 3A music.

"The band has just done a tremendous job this year and didn't make anything less than superior ratings all year in both marching and concert bands in all competition," Mr. Weese says.

"I'm prouder of this group than any other band we've ever had at MHS," he adds happily.

Several band members will compete in all-county tryouts tomorrow at the University of Montevallo.



LET'S GET IT STRAIGHT

Bandsmen (l-r) Stark Harbour, Shawn Spicer and Tina Sawyer add another plaque to their awards after state contest.

## Schools get 'good weather' holiday

All Shelby County schools will have a holiday tomorrow. The day was added to the schedule this year as an extra day in case bad weather forced schools to close during the winter. Since there was no "school-closing" weather, the day becomes a holiday.



# MHS wins county math titles

ALL FOUR OF MONTEVALLO'S MATH TEAMS brought home first-place trophies from Shelby County's third annual mathematics tournament Apr. 21. Groups competing in the event held on the UM campus included advanced, Algebra I and general math on the high school level and a sixth-seventh-eighth grade team.

Individual winners are:  
Advanced: Seniors Glenn Anthony and Vicki Crowson and sophomore Todd Austin.

Algebra I: Freshmen Taylor Lawrence (1st) and Dennis Beers (3rd).

General math: Freshmen Wanda Green (1st) and Jahn Bolling (3rd).

"All in all, I think it was a good tournament, and I'm sure glad our teams did so well," MHS math "coach" Doug Morris says.

## Awards -- (Cont'd)

Legion Award is given to seniors who "have demonstrated, patriotism, scholarship, and leadership."

Winners of both honors are named by the faculty.

### Good citizenship

The DAR and Rotary Club offer good citizenship awards. The DAR winner is nominated by the seniors, while the Rotary winner is elected by the faculty.

### Sportsmanship awarded

Coaches and principal name a senior athlete to receive a good sportsmanship trophy for "gentlemanly conduct both on and off the playing field."

The Theron Fisher Award for second semester will be presented to the senior who best qualifies as a "total athlete." Talent, sportsmanship and scholarship are points considered by coaches and the principal who name a winner each semester for this athletic honor.

## Mrs. Jeter feted

Montevallo Elementary School Principal Doris Jeter was honored at MHS's journalism club's annual banquet held at Hungry Fisherman in Riverchase last Friday night.

Mrs. Jeter received a plaque citing her for loyal support to SPOTLIGHT.

The club also awarded a certificate to guidance counselor Frances Anthony for her aid as a "news source and enthusiastic supporter of SPOTLIGHT."

### Neighbor Notes--

## Schools sponsor activities

Tonight Montevallo Elementary School will hold a supper from 5 to 7 p.m.

According to Principal Doris Jeter, the menu is ham, potato salad, green beans, fruit salad, rolls, tea and dessert. Price is \$2.50 for adults; \$1.50 for children under 12.

Profits will go toward school improvements. Parents and friends are invited to attend.

MFS's two kindergarten classes, dressed as farmers and farmerettes, visited Oak Mountain Demonstration Farm Apr. 18

## 20 receive top grades

April 13 marked the end of the fifth 6-weeks grading period for MHS. Report cards were distributed last Friday.

According to homeroom teachers 20 students earned all A's. The scholars are:

SENIORS: Glenn Anthony, Rene Davis and Emily Steele.

JUNIORS: Genea Abbott, Anita Bell, Danny DeLage, Clare Golson, Ronnie Hol-sombeck, Kevin Lawley, Paula Nix and Edna Williams.

SOPHOMORES: Todd Austin.

FRESHMEN: Ellen Arnold, Gladys Brasher, Lessie Gaddis, Beth Hughes, Mary Klemenc, Taylor Lawrence, Robyn Perkins and Krislin Stewart.

Ten parents accompanied the group on the trip.

Field Day-Fun Fair at MES is set for May 4.

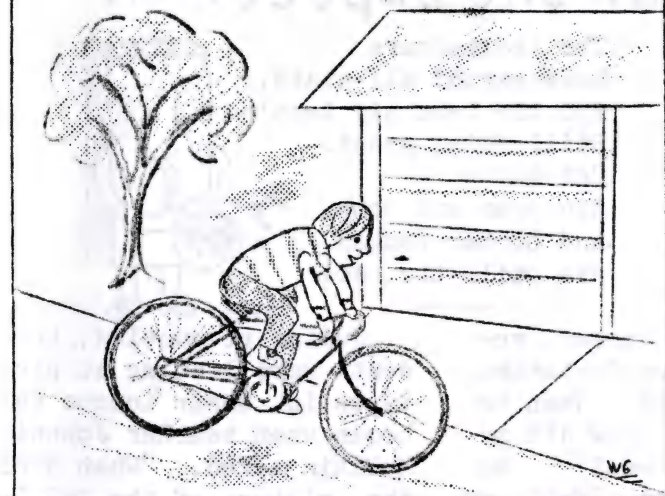
Montevallo Middle School students and parents are invited to a semi-formal spring dance at the middle school tonight.

MIDDLE YEARS, the 1979 middle school yearbook, was distributed this week.

Approximately \$900 was added to the MMS general fund from a recent candy sale. Students sold M&M's for three weeks.



## Leave garage door shut--



## Seniors say 'thanks'

Attention: Junior Class Officers and Advisers

In behalf of the Senior Class and my fellow officers, I would like to express appreciation for the fine job done by the Junior Class in sponsoring the Junior-Senior Prom.

As always, I think the organization by your committees was the key to another exciting and fun-filled evening. I sincerely hope that next year's Juniors are as gracious as you in presenting your Senior Prom. Once again, many thanks from all the Seniors.

Kevin Hughes  
Senior Class President

## Cheerleaders show spirit

Last Monday new cheerleaders were picked with five girls making up the squad. Unfortunately, these girls were the only ones who tried. Yet, they went through the clinic and earned their spot during tryouts.

Even though the job of cheerleader is a long, hard one, calling for many hours of practice and work, students should show an interest in this aspect of school life. Those students who have this kind of talent should be willing to use it for the school.

Cheerleading offers the best way for one to show spirit, and MHS has always had plenty of spirit and has always had cause to be proud of the cheerleaders who represented the school in this manner.

Congratulations to those who were selected and may they be such a good squad that others will desire to become a part of it.

## Conserving energy

Many will soon have to make sacrifices concerning their social activities due to the energy crisis.

MHS students can start conserving now if those who live near the school would walk or ride a bicycle to school. Not only would they be conserving energy but they would be contributing to their own good health.

## Baseball offers chance to cheer

Spring is in the air, and along with this season comes the All-American pleasure of watching baseball games.

The MHS team can use the support of the entire school. Even though there are no cheerleaders for baseball, this doesn't mean that yelling isn't allowed at games.

So, get on your baseball cap, grab a hotdog, hop in your "Chevrolets" and come down to the baseball field and support the Bulldogs.

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## Visiting teacher talks of Keats

Mrs. Frances Anthony's college prep English class had a guest teacher Apr. 11. Dr. Eva Golson, retired English teacher, spoke to the seniors on the works of English writer John Keats.

Dr. Golson, who taught at UM, explained to the students some of Keats' major works, including "Ode to a Grecian Urn" and "Eve of St. Agnes."

She also told the tragic story of the poet's life. Keats died at the age of 26 in the prime of his literary life.

Gay Perkins, a member of the class, commented, "It was a very inspiring and stimulating lecture. I feel like I know Keats now."

## Math teacher instructs extension class

MHS math teacher Doug Morris now also "fills the shoes" of a college instructor, as he took on the duty of teaching finite mathematics 135 at UM's Pelham Extension, Mar. 20. The group meets twice a week in the evening until May 31.

According to Mr. Morris, the class consists mostly of adults and is quite a "challenge" as compared to his "normal" classes, especially since this is the first "assignment" he has had in this area of teaching.

"I'm finding it strange having people several years my senior calling me 'sir,'" Mr. Morris laughs.

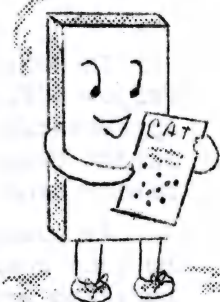
## School complies with mandate

All MHSers took the California Achievement Test this week as ordered by Governor Fob James for all Alabama Public Schools. The testing took parts of three school days.

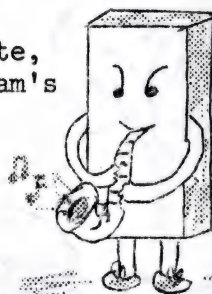
The purpose of the test was to show students their approximate grade-level and the subjects in which they need help. It will also help teachers to know which areas need more concentrated effort according to state officials.

## Locker Laughs--

### What can one expect?



The Troubadours  
Have earned all-state,  
And the baseball team's  
Still doing great.  
CAT exams  
Are over and done,  
And Locker Laughs  
Are still the one!



Freshman Kim Purnell returned sophomore Christine Cutts's umbrella. When he was asked, "How did my umbrella get wet?" he quickly replied, "Well, it is raining."

While on the vocational school bus Terry Cutts was discussing his history test in Mr. Danny Goggins' class. He commented, "I know I flunked that test."

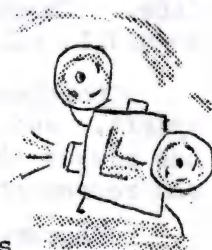
Junior Eddie Staffney added, "I didn't flunk it; I just didn't pass it."

During accounting, students were looking at pictures in their income tax books when teacher Johnnie McClain asked, "What does the picture of the lady's head in the flower pot mean?"

Junior Anita Brantley answered, "She's a blooming idiot."

## Film catches seniors in act

Mrs. Ann Parker's senior English classes are completing a filming unit today.



Each class was divided into groups to produce movies. Theme songs included Sweet Home Alabama, Bicycle, Celebrate, Raindrops Keep Falling, and others.

According to Mrs. Parker the four-minute films may be made available for students to view during the break.

"Students learn to look through the eye of the camera and express themselves through it-visibly, audibly and with motion, during this study," Mrs. Parker observes.





ALL SET!

MHS's distance runner Ernest Glover displays his racing form during a practice session.

# Track team to try sectionals

MHS male track team and freshman Charita Agee will compete Saturday in a sectional run in Montgomery.

Junior Ernest Glover ran in the Mountain Brook Invitational two weeks ago where he broke the MHS record in the 2-mile run with a 10:10 timing.

Several MHSers took awards in the Indian Springs meet last Thursday. Winners of the events were: Otto Fields: 1st, shotput and high jump; 3rd, 220 dash. Tim Ward: 2nd, high jump and shot put. Rance Gaddis: 2nd, 440 dash and triple jump; 3rd, long jump.

Terry Cutts, Fields, Ward and Gaddis: 1st in the 440 relay. Cutts: 1st, 100 and 200 dashes and 120 high hurdles. Glover: 1st in 2-mile; 2nd, 1-mile.

Charita Agee: 2nd in girls 220; 3rd, long jump, 100-yd. dash and 110 low hurdles.

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Mrs. Robinson will sponsor--

## Lilly earns top cheering job

BEVERLY LILLY, A SOPHOMORE, was elected head cheerleader by the varsity squad after the team for next year was selected at judging Apr. 16.

Other cheerleaders named are juniors Andrea Lovelady and Belinda Morris, sophomore Angela Russell and freshman Greta Riesener.

"I'm really looking forward to the coming year.

These girls are all hard workers and I think they will do a good job," says adviser Delilah Robinson.

Cheerers for the B team were selected during the same week. They are freshmen Jahn Bolling and Connie

Harris and 8th graders Donna Glosson, Wendy Knox, Daena Lloyd, Leticia McCord and Lorrie Weiss. Alternates are Genie Jones and Angie Pruitt.

The group chose Connie Harris as their head.



THE WINNER IS . . . Cheerleaders wait anxiously as sponsor Delilah Robinson prepares to announce "head." Cheerleaders are (1-r) Greta Riesener, Belinda Morris, Andrea Lovelady, Angela Russell and Beverly Lilly.

Bulldog Growls--

## Track coach is optimistic

by Kevin Hughes  
MHS's track team is quite different this year from squads of the past.



Coach Kurt Pnazeck is coaching both girls and boys as one team.

A lot of experience returns for both boys and girls, but the big threats should be high jumper Otto Fields and school record breaker Ernest Glover in the 2-mile run.

Several meets are set for this spring with the "Dogs running in sectionals in Montgomery tomorrow.

Coach Pnazeck is looking for some "good things this year" and hopes "to capture some meet wins."



Best 2 of 3 to win--

# James Lash lures, Bulldogs seek area title

## lands a 'big un'

Sunday, junior James Lash, fishing with a broke-tail Rapala lure, cast over a submerged tree stump and brought in a four and three-fourths pound large-mouth bass.



James, who was accompanied on the fishing trip by Chuck Hood and Billy Perry, snagged the bass at a private lake on Spring Creek Road.

"I can't believe that in five hours James was the only one who caught anything--and he was using my lure," Billy moans.

## Dogs slap Chelsea; take VHS twice

Montevallo won the Western Division 2A baseball championship of Area 7 by smashing the Hornets 14-1 at Chelsea Apr. 17 and taking a doubleheader from Vincent Apr. 16. The 'Dogs had defeated Chelsea 2-1 earlier.

In the deciding game, pitcher David Melsoni gave up only one hit, walked two and fanned eight before the 10-run lead ruling gave the Bulldogs the 14-1 victory in five innings.

### Win doubleheader

In his first mound appearance as a Bulldog, junior Paul Russell shut out Vincent, allowing only two hits--both to losing pitcher Steve Riggins.

Bret Jones earned an 8-6 win in the second match. Holding a 7-1 lead, the junior had a shaky fifth inning in which the 'Jackets scored five runs.

But with the aid of a double play and seventh inning relief from Russell the 'Dogs held on to win.

### Lash leads hitters

David Lash led MHS at the plate, going 5 for 7 for the day. Russell had 2 for 5, including a homerun.

A THIRD AREA CHAMPIONSHIP for the year is within the Bulldogs' reach as the baseball team plays for the 2A Area 7 title this weekend. (MHS won football and basketball earlier.)

Western Division champs already, they play either TCTS or Winterboro for the area title. The 'Dogs travel Friday for a single game, then entertain the Eastern champs Saturday with a double header, if needed, to determine the best 2 out of 3 winner.

Area 7 winner plays Area 8 for the region title on the road to the state championship.

### First loss for MHS--

## Thompson wins in extra inning

After winning five straight games, the Bulldogs lost an extra-inning thriller at Thompson last Saturday.

Down 4-2 in the sixth, the 'Dogs tied the score as David Lash, Sam Purnell, and Mark Riesener hit safely. Then MHS took the lead in the eighth when reliefer Steve Smitherman walked in the go-ahead run.

But, with two away in the bottom of the eighth and

two men on, David Cofer, pinchhitting, singled in the tying run. The winning run scored when the throw in from centerfield got past the third baseman.

Bret Jones allowed 7 hits, walked 11 and struck out 13 as losing pitcher.

Last Thursday the Bulldogs clobbered Calera at Calera 14-2.

Jones hit 3 for 4 and Sam Purnell connected for a 3-run homer to lead at the plate.

## Everybody can join T and C run

Between 200 and 300 runners from around the state will come to Montevallo tomorrow for the Band Boosters' Town and Country Run according to chairman Bobby Hughes. Participants will register at 8 a.m. for the 10,000 meter (6 miles) run and at 10:15 a.m. for the 2-mile run.

The race begins across from Flower Hill and ends in Orr Park, with check points at every mile. Runners are divided into seven classifications. They are: 14 and under; 15-19; 20-24; 25-29; 30-39; 40-49; and 50 plus.





#### CONGRATULATIONS

Principal W. C. Corbett gives Mrs. Frances Anthony a commemorative plaque as part of Awards Day activities as Miss Susie DeMent, Awards Day chairman, looks on with approval.

Mrs. Anthony was one of seven adults honored along with over 100 outstanding students. (See pp. 2,4,5)

After 32 years of school--

## Mr. Martin plans retirement

AFTER 32 YEARS OF TEACHING -- 24 at MHS--Mr. Charles Martin announces his retirement. Coach at MHS for 16 years, Mr. Martin has spent the last eight as drivers' education instructor.

Holding degrees from Middle Tennessee and Peabody College, Mr. Martin began his career as a coach.



#### ONE MORE DRIVE

Instructor Charles Martin prepares for a final run in the drivers' ed car.

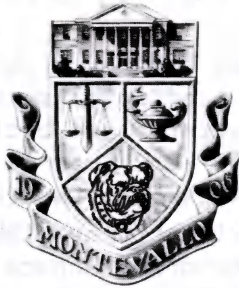
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75 to receive diplomas--

## Commencement is May 24

STATE SENATOR LISTER HILL PROCTOR will give the commencement address at MHS's graduation exercises May 24 at 7:30 p.m. in Palmer Hall at the University of Montevallo. Seventy-five seniors will march to the processional of "Star Wars," played by MHS's pit orchestra, selected from the concert band.

According to Principal W. C. Corbett Senator Proctor is a big supporter of education and was largely responsible for the \$120,000 appropriated to MHS last year.

Class vice president Shawn Spicer will present

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IT GOES THIS WAY . .

Mrs. Doris Jeter, retiring principal at MES, points out Jeter Circle, named in her honor to former student and MHS senior Kevin Hughes. (See story p. 2)

He taught four years at Huntsville, two in Geraldine, one in Shelbyville, Tenn., and the remaining years at MHS, serving as head coach from 1967-71.

Six county and two state championships were won by MHS while he was line coach. He directed an All-Star game at University of Alabama in 1963 and was Coach of the Year in 1969.

On his decision to retire Mr. Martin remarks with a grin, "Thirty-two years is enough!" He adds

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# MHS honors Mrs. Anthony, students, teams

GUIDANCE COUNSELOR FRANCES ANTHONY was honored with a plaque which reads, "In appreciation for outstanding, dedicated and loyal service to MHS and the community for 26 years as teacher, counselor, administrator and citizen of the highest caliber," at MHS's 22nd annual Awards Day, May 11. Dr. Russell Warren, vice president in charge of academic affairs at UM, was guest speaker at the event.

Senior Rene Davis won the valedictorian trophy with an overall grade point average of 96.5, while Emily Steele took salutatorian honors with 94.5.

The annual Rotary Club Citizen-of-the-Year award, presented by Dr. John Van Valkenburg, also went to Emily; and Dr. Lucille Griffith awarded the DAR's Good Citizen certificate and pin to Rene.

## Athletes honored

Twenty-one seniors were given plaques denoting their athletic participation throughout four years at MHS, with Sam Purnell singled out as the only senior playing three major sports his senior year.

The Theron Fisher Award went to David Lash, and the Good Sportsmanship trophy to Edd Green. Coach Bobby Sherrer received an appreciation award for his four years of volunteer coaching assistance.

Earnest Glover and Belinda Morris were Danforth winners with John Owen and Edna Williams runners-up.

## American Legion

Glenn Anthony and Rene were recognized as outstanding seniors with American Legion's Award and Shawn Spicer and Janet Hicks were cited with honorable mention.

Adults recognized for contributions throughout the year are Dr. Ovide Delage, Mr. Don Hughes, Mr. Sam Slatsky, Mr. Clifford Lawley, Miss Glinda Godwin and Dr. Jim Vickrey.

Various groups were also singled out for their performances. Sixty-one students received perfect attendance citations.

Miss Susie DeMent coordinated the event.

## MES principal will retire

Montevallo Elementary School principal Doris Jeter will end her career in education next week.

To honor her dedication to teaching since 1923, a tea was held May 6 in Reynolds Hall at UM by the Montevallo Schools.

At the event Councilman Herby Milstead announced that the circle in front of MES had been named Jeter Circle in her honor.

She was also presented a gold watch and necklace.

Before being principal at MES where she served 16 years, Mrs. Jeter taught at MHS, Mayberry, Thompson and Calera.

According to Mrs. Jeter the greatest pleasure in teaching is "helping students find the joy of a task well done."

## Graduation - (Cont'd)

the invocation followed by a welcome from president Kevin Hughes and a short talk, "Looking Ahead," by valedictorian Rene Davis.

Scholarship recipients and major award winners at Awards Day will also be recognized.

Following the exercises the junior class mothers will host a reception in MHS's auditorium. Mrs. Jean Kunkel is chairman. Mrs. Gwen Mitchell and the lunchroom staff will provide refreshments.

## Mr. Martin leaves MHS - (Cont'd)

"I've enjoyed working at MHS; it's a good school."

"He has done a good job at MHS. I've worked with him twenty-three years as a fellow teacher, coach and administrator. We hate to see him go, but we wish him well," comments Principal W. C. Corbett.

Future plans are presently uncertain according to Mr. Martin. His wife Jackie is a teacher at Montevallo Middle School. Their son Harry is a 1974 MHS graduate.



## Life opens her doors



## Grads face future

CONGRATULATIONS go to the graduating seniors. They have worked for 12 years as students to earn their diplomas. As they take this first step into the world of adults next week, they will find many new and varied paths open to them.

Their futures will take them in many directions. Some will step into marriage; others will begin their careers or military service. Another group will further their education in colleges.

No matter what plans this class has, may each member always make the best decision and do such an excellent job that MHS will have cause to be proud of them.

## Students display interest

BEST WISHES go to the newly elected student council officers at MHS. Recognition also is given to their opponents who were defeated for they helped show that more students are interested in the council this year than last year.

Real elections were held for president and vice president rather than just appointing the officers as was necessary in 1978.

True, two offices had only one candidate, but the campaigning, posters and stickers last week showed that candidates are interested in keeping the council alive.

## Top educators leave 'mark'

Shelby County's school system will lose two valuable leaders as the school year ends; County Superintendent Elvin Hill and Montevallo Elementary School Principal Doris Jeter will be leaving their posts as both are retiring.

The two will be greatly missed after serving the young people of Shelby County so well.

Tribute is paid these two whose influence as instructors and administrators will continue to live as their students recall their valuable lessons for years to come.

## Girls honored again



Good things don't just happen--someone makes them happen.

For the first time since 1969 MHS will have a representative at Girls State thanks to guidance counselor Frances Anthony.

Mrs. Anthony worked diligently this year to get backers for the program.

The American Association of University Women's club, Centrala Garden Club and three individuals will make it possible.

These, as well as the supporters of Boys State representatives deserve praise and appreciation.

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# Smiles, trophies show Awards Day winners

"This is a day on which we can all stand tall . . .," said business teacher Susie DeMent as she opened MHS's twenty-second annual Awards Day Friday. "It is the day set aside each year to summarize the good things that have happened to the school during the year and to honor those who had a part in the accomplishments. Whether you are recognized individually or not, you have cause to be proud of being a part of MHS for it takes all of us to make our school what it is," she continued.

Some of those individuals who "helped make these good things happen" are pictured on page 5. Identification of the pictures follow:

(1) TOP SCHOLARS--Academic letters signifying all-A's for one year were earned by (front, 1-r) Emily Steele, Rene Davis, Clare Golson. (Back) Glenn Anthony, David Melsoni, Mark Baker and Taylor Lawrence.

(2) ADULTS HONORED--Chorus director Glinda Godwin and tennis coach Sam Slatsky received awards for their volunteer services. Other adults honored were Dr. Ovide DeLage, Mr. Don Hughes, Mr. Clifford Lawley, Dr. Jim Vickrey and Mr. Bob Sherrer.

(3) COLLEGE-BOUND SENIORS-- Scholarship winners are (front, 1-r) Vicki Crowson (one semester, Jacksonville); Rene Davis (Valedictory, UM; full tuition and board, Judson); Lynn Sawyer (one year, Jacksonville); Cliff Anderson (music, UM). (Back) Glenn Anthony (honors-freshman, UM); Earl Hayes (full tuition and board, two years, Walker College). (Not pictured) Shawn Spicer (Kiwanis, UM); Stark Harbour (Band, University of Mississippi).

(4) FUTURE POLITICIANS-- Boys and Girls State representatives are (front, 1-r) Edna Williams, John Owen (alternate), Jennifer Dailey (alternate) (Back) Steve Melsoni, Bret Jones and Earnest Glover.

(5) JUNIOR ACHIEVERS-- Eleventh graders Earnest Glover and Belinda Morris (front) are Danforth winners, with John Owen and Edna Williams (back) runners-up.

(6) ACE REPORTERS--New members of Quill and Scroll are (front, 1-r) Luanne Moody, Beverly Lilly, Gay Perkins and Monique VanLandingham. (Back) Glenn Anthony, Billy Perry, Ronnie Holsonbeck and Kevin Lawley.

(7) BULLDOG LEADERS-- Top athletic winners are (1-r) Kevin Hughes (Theron Fisher Award, 1st semester); Edd Green (Good Sportsmanship Trophy); Jerome Tolbert and Sam Purnell (Super 15--Top 15 football players in County--named by Shelby County News) and David Lash (Theron Fisher Award, 2nd semester).

(8) THANKS!--Principal W. C. Corbett gives guidance counselor Frances Anthony a service plaque in honor of 26 years service to MHS. She leaves this year to become principal at Montevallo Middle School.

(9) FASTEST FINGERS--Top typists are ((front, 1-r) Lynn Sawyer (2nd, girls division); Belinda Morris (1st, advanced); Clare Golson (1st, beginning); (back) Paul Russell (2nd, boys beginning); and Eddie Key (1st, boys beginning).

(10) ALL AMERICAN SENIORS--American Legion winners are (seated) Rene Davis and Glenn Anthony. Honorable mention (back) Janet Hicks and Shawn Spicer (not shown).

(11) THE TOP TWO--Valedictorian Rene Davis (1) and salutatorian Emily Steele survey it all with a smile.

## 'Little Miss' pageant nets \$350 at MHS

Forty-two girls participated in MHS Athletic Boosters' Club Little Miss Montevallo pageant May 5.

Winner in the kindergarten and 1st grade level was Tina Govner; Jacqueline Ladewig and Crystal Minor were runners up.

Jennifer Lawley won in the 2nd and 3rd grade division, with Cindy Robins and Rup Singh in second and third places.

Winner from 4th and 5th grades was Amy Bice. Stephanie Edwards and Paula Mims were runners up.

The contest raised approximately \$350 reports Coach Richard Gilliam who explains that the money will be used for athletic banquets, trophies, filming football games, etc.

This year's queen will crown next year's winners as the pageant is set to become an annual affair.



# Awards honor scholars, leaders, patrons

(Pictures identified p. 4)





# Break bell means 'relax'

by Luanne Moody

WHEN THE BELL RINGS for the 12:35 break each noon, MHSers can be found doing quite varied activities.

When the weather is warm and dry, teachers and students are playing horseshoes or washers in front of the main building, cheerleaders are selling cokes on the front steps and a number of "chicken-fights" are going on on the front lawn.

During cold weather and rainy days, most students are inside, sitting on the floor, copying homework, talking, laughing or listening to the radio. In addition there are always some students in the office, either for serious reasons or just talking. Some can be found in the typing room getting caught up on work or preparing for the next class.

No matter what MHSers choose to do during the break, it is probably the most welcome ten minutes in the day.

# Troubadours record album

Albums of MHS's Troubadours will soon be on sale by band director Jim Weese. They will consist of eight or nine selections.

Prestige Co. will make the album, which will have a picture of the Troubadours at State contest on the back cover.

"The album will provide this year's band members something to remind them of an all-superior year," Mr. Weese comments.

# 'Friend' brings many definitions

Everybody needs someone with whom to "share." However, people have different ideas of what a true friend is.

MHSers define a friend as "Someone who . . .

"Is there in time of need." (Sophomore Tommy Owen)

"Can make you smile-- you can share a special kind of love with." (Senior Gay Perkins)

"Will take half the blame when the two of you get in trouble." (Senior Patrick Sims)

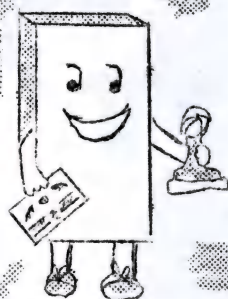
"Will accept you for what you are and believe in you in spite of what others might say. (Junior Debbie Kunkel)

"Will never put you down at any time." (Junior Beverly Ray)

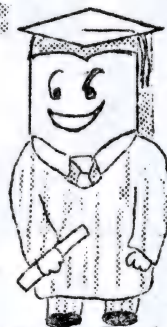
"You can trust with your deepest thoughts." (Freshman Gretchen Riesener)

## Locker Laughs--

# Practical answer gets smile



Graduation day  
Approaches fast;  
School will be out  
Real soon--at last!  
Awards Day  
Is over and done,  
And Locker Laughs  
Still give us fun!



Senior Laurie Lovejoy and junior Billy Perry were standing in line in the lunchroom when Laurie said, "What's Mrs. Anthony doing in here?"

Billy quickly replied, "She's eating

Chemistry teacher Jim Hermecz asked his class a question. When no one replied, he said, "Well!"

Senior Emily Steele quipped, "That's too deep a subject for our shallow minds."

Later in the same class Mr. Hermecz said, "It's like flushing yourself down a toilet--sewerside."

Sophomores David Melsoni and Robert Lightfoot were discussing air markets in Spanish I class.

Teacher Delilah Robinson said, "They milked the cows right there at the market."

David said, "It was fresh milk," and Robert chimed in, "Yes, udderly fresh."

When discussing a play to be presented in speech class, Mrs. Barbara Belisle asked Kevin McCoy, "Do you have a part?"

"Yeah," Kevin replied separating his hair, "see, right here."



In runoff election Monday--

## Perry wins top SC post

Junior Billy Perry recently defeated juniors Beverly Harris and Monty Fondren to win the position of student council president for 1979-80 at MHS.

Junior Jennifer Dailey was elected vice president over sophomore Clare Golson. Other officers who were chosen without opposition are secretary Angela Russell and treasurer Lisa Singh.

Students in grades 9 through 11 participated in the election which was held May 11 after campaigning began May 7. After votes were counted, a runoff was necessary Monday between Billy and Beverly to determine who would be president.

"I am pleased our work this year encouraged more participation in the election," notes outgoing SC president Gay Perkins.

"Next year I plan to try to better the school spirit toward the council," says Billy.

"Class representatives for student council won't be named until the beginning of next school year," he adds.

History and business law teacher Don Benton is faculty advisor for the organization.

## Honor Society taps 27

Twenty-five juniors and two seniors were inducted into the Montevallo chapter of the National Honor Society May 9. Mrs. Frances Anthony is their sponsor.

The new members include juniors Genea Abbott, Tod Beers, Anita Bell, Charles Brantley, Deandrea Cole, Jennifer Dailey, Danny DeLage, and Earnest Glover.

Others are Jan Gauntt, Ronnie Holsombeck, Deborah Jones, Ann Klemenc, Brenda Kuhnelt, Debbie Kunkel, Kelvin Lawley, Steve Melsoni, Belinda Morris, Cindy Nash, John Owen, Kathy Peoples and Mark Riesener.

Paul Russell, Randy Steele, Fredia Thrift and Edna Williams were also selected for the honor.

Seniors named to the society were Paula Nix and Monique VanLandingham.

Each of the students were recommended on the basis of leadership, service and character and had a scholastic average of 85 or above.

## MHS teachers fill county roles

MHS teachers Jim Hermez, Johnnie McClain and Ann Parker were recently elected to the Individual Professional Growth Committee. Teachers from all over the county voted on committee members.

"The committee's purpose is to develop a plan whereby teachers may grow individually and accumulate x number of points for evaluation," Mr. McClain explains.

American Legion sponsors program--

## Girls, Boys Staters named

Juniors Earnest Glover, Bret Jones, Steve Melsoni and John Owen (alternate) have been named representatives from MHS to Boys State in June at Troy University.

In addition for the first time in several years a student will represent MHS at Girls State in Huntingdon College. Junior Edna Williams has been selected for the honor, with Jennifer Dailey as alternate.

### Faculty selects

The representatives, picked by the faculty, were selected on the basis of character, leadership, physical fitness and citizenship.

The whole program is sponsored by the American Legion.

The male group is financed by the Lions Club, Rotary Club, and the PTA of Montevallo.

### Girls program back

Edna will be sponsored by American Association of University Women club and Centrala Garden Club and three individuals due to the efforts of guidance counselor Frances Anthony to reinstate the program for the girls.

The participants will study government as well as compete in sports.



Present concert at UM--

## Bandsmen earn county titles

Fifty-two Troubadours were members of the all-county band which performed in concert at UM May 5. Thirteen MHSers earned first chairs in the tryouts. These are Senior high--Darla Fox, Dawn Goggins, Stark Harbour, John Owen, Gay Perkins, Lynn Sawyer, Shawn Spicer and Gerald Walker.

Junior high--Dennis Beers, Taylor Lawrence, Richey Owen and Robyn Perkins and Meredith Walker from Montevallo Middle School.

Special guest director for the senior high band was Mr. Everett Lawler who was MHS director from 1966.

A former director at Shades Valley High, Mr. Billy Thompson, directed the junior high band.

"I'm really proud of everyone who tried out--we had more in the band than any other school in the county," says director Jim Weese.

## June brings summer school

The summer session for MHS begins June 4 and will last until July 13.

Classes and instructors are: biology--Richard Gilliam; democracy/economics--to be announced; English 9--Kurt Pnazek; English 10--Jerri Lynn Morrow; English 11--Barbara Belisle; US history--Larry Popwell.

Typing I and II--Susie DeMent; world studies--Johnnie McClain; librarian--Tricia Corbett.

MHS Principal W.C. Corbett will serve as administrator. School hours are 8-12 daily. Fees are \$45 for one unit and \$30 for one-half unit (one semester's work).

## Classes chosen

MHSers registered Tuesday. Pre-registration was held earlier this spring to get a general idea of classes to be offered.

Since all students were urged through Superintendent-elect Charles Knowles to take six subjects next year, everyone will have a full academic schedule.

## Quill and Scroll admits 8

Eight MHSers have been added to Quill and Scroll, the international honor society for high school journalists. Mrs. Cathy Bearden, SPOTLIGHT adviser, explains, "To be admitted to the organization one must have to be nominated by a journalism teacher, be in the upper third of their class and have done superior work in some phase of journalism."

The new members are seniors Glenn Anthony, Gay Perkins and Monique VanLandingham; juniors Ronnie Holsombeck, Kevin Lawley, Billy Perry and Luanne Moody; and sophomore Beverly Lilly.

Students chosen are usually juniors or seniors, but it is possible for a teacher to name a second semester sophomore. Beverly is the first sophomore from MHS to be nominated for the honor.

## HERO picks 'elite'

Five MHSers received Who's Who honors at the vocational school picnic.

They are senior Selena Davis, most likely to succeed; juniors Teresa Chism, most talented; Michelle Agee, wittiest; Alisa Davis, craziest; and Peggy Selby, most dependable. The picnic is an annual affair.

## Home ec group sees special home

Ten home economics students toured the 1979 Decorators Show House in Birmingham last Monday. The Juniors Women's Committee and Women's Committee of Birmingham Symphony Association sponsored the fund raising project which will benefit the Symphony orchestra.

The house, which overlooks the Cahaba River, was a gift from Dr. Clayton Davis to Carraway Methodist Medical Center. Each of its 32 rooms was decorated by a different decorator for the event.

Authorities on music, art, antiques, crafts and cooking spoke during the house showing which continues until Sunday. Teacher Rose Ellen Hankins accompanied the group.



In Birmingham--

# Band celebrates in style

BAND MEMBERS AND THEIR BOOSTERS dined on fried chicken and roast beef last night as they held their third annual banquet at the Parliament House in Birmingham.

Mr. Rip Reagan, former band director of Emma Samson High School who has directed the all-county band in the past, was speaker.

Awards given

Top awards given were the John Phillip Sousa Award to the outstanding senior bandsman and the Arion Award for the leading junior. Several humorous awards were given to various Troubadours by senior band members.

On Tuesday night the group presented their annual spring concert.

Selections included Serenade for a Picket Fence, featuring freshman Cagle Rochester on the xylophone; and Bugler's Holiday, featuring junior John Owen, freshman Taylor Lawrence and senior Cliff Anderson on trumpet, under the direction of Mr. Jim Weese.

The stage band ended the program with several tunes.

Chorus performs

Under the direction of Ms. Glinda Godwin, the chorus also performed at the event. Selections included Rise Again, Sing and Let Love Come Near.

The chorus will give a concert at Briarcliff Nursing Home May 24.

Bikeathon

Band members and supporters held a 10-mile bikeathon last Saturday.

The project which replaced last year's Walkathon, earned \$600 of the anticipated \$2000 for the band fund according to director Jim Weese.

Participants had sponsors for a given sum per mile. Contributions were also accepted.

Retires in June--

# County head to leave post

Mr. Elvin Hill, superintendent of education in Shelby County, will be retiring June 30 after 38 years in public education.

Elected superintendent in 1958, Mr. Hill has the longest tenure of any elected superintendent in the state of Alabama.

Will do chores

Mr. Hill says he has no particular plans for retirement other than "doing all the chores my wife finds for me."

When he leaves the field of education, the superintendent notes that what he will miss most are "the children and teachers and the telephone!"

Progress noted

"I feel we've made progress over the years and hope it continues," he adds.

"Mr. Hill has been a loyal supporter of SPOTLIGHT and MHS's journalism program," notes SPOTLIGHT sponsor Cathy Bearden.

Mr. Charles Knowles replaces the retiring superintendent July 1.

# Local writer shares story

As part of a unit on short stories, Mrs. Frances Anthony's college prep English class had a guest speaker May 7.

Southern writer Bill Cobb, who teaches English at UM, read one of his own short stories, "Somewhere in All this Green," to the class of seniors.

Mr. Cobb, who teaches a special class on Southern literature, has had numerous short stories published and just recently finished a novel.

"It was really a pleasant short story. I enjoyed it thoroughly," commented senior Amy Binion.

# Morris, Golson lead typists

Junior Belinda Morris and sophomore Clare Golson came out on top in the two-week typing tournament completed at MHS May 2, according to teacher Susie DeMent.

Belinda typed 70 words per minute to lead advanced typists while Clare, with 67 wpm, led students in the first year classes. Senior Lynn Sawyer, typing 62 wpm, placed second in the girls' division of first year typists.

Sophomore Eddie Key scored 52 wpm to win the boys' first year division; Paul Russell was second with 50.

All five received trophies at Awards Day.

*Judge suggest  
Commence before  
according*



## MMS honors leaders today

Today is Awards Day at Montevallo Middle School. Awards and certificates will be given those with perfect attendance or have done outstanding work in school during the year.

It starts at 8:15.

M&M's are on sale in a mini-candy sale at MMS.

Anyone wishing to add to the school fund may buy the candy from a middle school student.

Track and Field Day at MMS was held last Friday.

Various races and athletic contests were included in events. Refreshments were sold.

## As MHSers attend--

## Sun misses its special day

AMONG THREATENING RAIN CLOUDS many MHSers went to the University of Montevallo's second Sun Day, May 3.

MHS teachers Joanna McGaughy and Douglas Morris took selected classes to view exhibits on solar energy. For the second time in as many years, the main topic of the day, the sun, did not make an appearance at a symposium which was sponsored by the UM environmental and energy education center.

Sixteen displays set up at the University dealt with topics ranging from solar heating and cooling, solar cooking and sun screens to new types of weatherproof wood.

Seaman Timber Company, IBM, Alabama Power and the University of Alabama in Birmingham and Huntsville were represented at the day-long program.

The day also included tours of Montevallo's solar powered Alabama Power building and two workshops on solar energy.

## Classes near end

Wednesday, May 23, is the last full school day.

Thursday is a teacher work day and also the day of graduation.

Students come at 9 a.m. on Friday for reports.

## It's News Downtown--

## 2 new teams added for youth

Montevallo Welterweights have two new teams for next fall--Rams and another yet unnamed one.

MHS's varsity cheerleaders are holding clinic this week for girls interested in being cheerleaders for the Jets and the other squad.

Last week they held one for the Rams and Bears cheerers. Twelve girls will be selected for each.

UM's summer program begins June 4 according to director of admissions Larry Peevy. Freshman orientation is June 3.

Second semester registration will be July 9.



Serendipity, a novelty shop on Main Street, recently added a new lighted sign and a clock.

These were purchased from and installed by Development Inc., South Torrence, Cal.

The Park and Recreation Board will sponsor various activities this summer, beginning June 13 and lasting eight weeks.

Events will be held at the park, UM and MHS.

Activities will include disco dancing, swimming, bowling, raquetball, tennis, archery, gymnastics and slimnastics.

## Field-Fun Day--

## 1st graders picnic in park

Montevallo Elementary School's first grade students recently enjoyed a picnic in Orr Park.

Approximately 100 parents joined the group as the school lunchroom provided sack lunches.

Last week MES 5th graders visited the Montevallo middle school to meet new principal Frances Anthony and tour the building.

MES held its first Field Day - Fun Fair May 8 on the school campus. According to Principal Doris Jeter thanks are due UM students, MHSers, parents and friends for help with the event.



21 leave their mark--

## Senior athletes earn awards

by Glenn Anthony

"THIS GROUP OF SENIORS CAME CLOSER to playing up to their potential than any group I've ever known," said Coach Richard Gilliam in describing the 21 senior male athletes honored at MHS Awards Day last Friday. Each athlete received a plaque showing the sport and years played. Plaques given out represented 125 seasons of football, baseball, track and field, weightlifting and basketball.

Sam Purnell led in participating by taking part in four sports--football, baseball, basketball and track and field.

Three athletes shared the distinction of competing for the most seasons. Edd Green, David Lash and Kelvin Lilly each participated in ten. Five of Kelvin's were as manager of the basketball team.

The 21 seniors, representing the largest group of graduating athletes from MHS are:

Glenn Anthony, Kenneth Bell, Lee Clayton, Luke Crim, Marty Eddleman, Otto Fields, Keith Gilmore, Edd Green, Earl Hayes, Larry Holmes, Buddy Holsombeck, Billy Hughes, Kevin Hughes, Kenneth Jones, David Lash, Kelvin Lilly, Sam Purnell, Patrick Sims, Mark Singh, Jerome Tolbert and Tim Ward.

## Grads to wear school colors

Caps and gowns of royal blue with orange and blue tassels will be seen on every graduating senior next Thursday night.

Seniors selected the school colors for their caps, gowns and tassels during first semester.

For the reception following graduation, girls should wear white dresses and dark shoes; men should wear a white shirt with a tie and conservative pants.

## Yearbook will picture--

## Graduates choose favorites

Each year seniors select various classmates for Who's Who categories. This year's 30 winners will be featured in in the '79 MONTALA.

Winners are: Most likely to succeed--Cliff Anderson, Rene Davis; Most intellectual--Mark Baker, Emily Steele; Most valuable to school--Lee Clayton, Janet Hicks; Best all around--Glenn Anthony, Vicki Crowson. Best looking--Kevin Hughes, Leslee Belluchie.

Wittiest--Marty Eddleman, Kathy Gilmore; Most athletic--Jerome Tolbert, Phyllis Conwell; Friendliest--Edd Green, Beth Rochester; Best dancers---Kenneth Jones, Wanda Prentice; Best dressed--Curtis Peoples, Angela Collins.

Most dependable--Shawn Spicer, Teresa Alexander; Most school spirit--David Lash, Ann Frye.

Most talented--David Underwood, Karen Morris; Most courteous, Monique VanLandingham, Billy Hughes; Class chatterers -- Otto Fields, Cathy Winslett.

## 12th graders review math

Seniors recently finished a course on mathematics in economics.

After a pretest, they worked on subtraction, addition, multiplication, division, percentages and fractions; and at the end of the course, they took the same test again.

"Most of the students' grades improved. I also think the course helped them on the California Achievement Test a few weeks ago," says teacher George Lilly.

## '79ers pick, tell their 'likes'

According to SPOTLIGHT's recent survey the typical senior chooses to spend a summer evening watching Mork and Mindy while eating a hamburger and sipping Mountain Dew-- with a Snickers for dessert.

These things were found to be "favorites" of the Class of '79.

Most liked sports are football and basketball. The favorite subject, history; holiday, Christmas.

Mrs. Barbara Belisle, English and speech teacher, is the seniors' favorite instructor.



School records broken--

## Track squad shows at State

THREE MHSers PLACED in the top six or above in their events at the state track meet May 4-5 in Montgomery.

Earnest Glover came in second in the 2-mile run and was third in the mile, breaking the school record with a 4:42 time.

Otto Fields took fifth place in high jump and Rance Gaddis was sixth in the triple jump. Rance broke the school record with a 40' 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ " jump.

The track team placed fourth at the State Sectionals at Montgomery Apr. 28, against 11 teams.

Winners were:

Junior Earnest Glover: 1st--2-mi. run; 2nd, 1-mi. run. Otto Fields: 1st high jump. Terry Cutts: 3rd, 100-yd. dash; 5th high hurdles.

Rance Gaddis: 4th, triple jump. Tim Ward: 4th, high jump.

Charita Agee: 3rd, 100-yd. dash; 5th, 220-yd. dash and 110 low hurdles.

In the county meet May 2 at Indian Springs, MHS came in second; Shelby won first place.

Coach Phazek comments, "Although we are understaffed and have to start late (due to spring training), I am proud of our teams. The boys did an outstanding job in the county meet.

"This year was the highest showing in the state since I've been here also. School records were broken in five events this year."

## 4 are 'Stars'

Four Bulldog baseball seniors were "stars" May 5. Marty Eddleman, David Lash, Sam Purnell and Mark Singh were members of the West's all-star team in the East-West All-Star game at Clanton, May 12.

## Pelham edges MHS

MHS saw their record fall to 6-5 as they lost a road game to Pelham 4-2 May 8.

Panther pitcher Mark Pierce gave up only 3 hits and fanned 6 'Dogs. Russell, MHS pitcher, allowed 6 hits and struck out 3.

MHS	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
PHS	0	0	1	0	1	2	x	4

*Week opening*

## Dogs finish 2nd in lift-off

Montevallo placed second in the county lift-off last Saturday at MHS. Shelby County High outscored the Bulldogs 420-339 to finish first.

Top lifter of the day was Bruce Eckert, Pelham's only entry; he gained 99 points. John Stroud and Henry Walker from Shelby tied for second with 92 each.

Luke Crim led MHS with 88 points. Crim came in fifth in the meet. Patrick Sims placed sixth (77), Billy Hughes tied for seventh (76) and Kevin Hughes was tenth (54) for MHS weightlifters.

Other MHSers competing were Allan Thompson (44) and Jerome (Shag) Jones (39).

## Club will 'cook out' for athletes

Tomorrow night Montevallo Athletic Boosters will hold their annual spring sports cook-out for MHS athletes. The picnic-style event will be held at Orr Park beginning at 7:30.

Athletes taking part in baseball, track and weightlifting programs will be guests.

## TCTS is too hot to handle

After losing to Talladega County Training School in the Area 7 playoff, MHS dropped games to Shelby County and Jemison.

TCTS clobbered the Bulldogs 14-7 at Montevallo as Paul Russell allowed 12 hits, struck out 5 and walked 5 as losing pitcher.

Frank Wells was on the mound for TCTS.

The 'Dogs then fell to two 3A teams, losing 2-1 to SCHS and 6-3 to Jemison.

Bret Jones pitched the Shelby game, while David Melsoni got the loss with Jemison.

The three losses brought the Bulldogs to a four-game losing streak after winning their first five.



## Supporters hold city's 1st run

Band Boosters sponsored the city's first Town and Country Run Apr. 27. Andy Whitner of Montgomery was the first person to cross the finish line.

Trophies were given to the first three winners in each age group for a 2-mile and 10,000 meter run.

Winners from Montevallo were Karl Moore (20-24) men, 3rd; Terry Arnold (40-49) men, 3rd; and Charles Binion (50+), 3rd for the longer race.

In the 2-mile run, Montevallo winners included Trey Hughes (0-14), 2nd; and Kay Klemenc (girls 0-14), 3rd.

Mike Beers (MHS '79) was 2nd and junior Tod Beers 3rd in the 15-19 men's division.

Freshmen Michelle Readell finished second and Ruth Perkins third in the 15-19 women's group.

Randy Beers (MHS '77) came in third in the 20-24 age men's group.

Pass Calera, SCHS--

## 'Dogs go after title tonight

by Ronnie Holsombeck

MONTEVALLO PLAYS PELHAM'S PANTHERS at Shelby County High School for the county baseball championship tonight at 7:30. The 'Dogs will be attempting to win the second county crown in three years.

### 'Jackets, Warriors fall

Pelham advanced to the finals by dropping Vincent 5-1 Monday and Thompson 6-4 Tuesday in 12 innings.

"We know we're facing a good team, as they defeated us 4-2 earlier this season; but our hitting has come around a lot since then, and I think we'll give them a good game," says Bulldog Coach Richard Gilliam.

### 'Dogs beat Calera

The Bulldogs collected 14 hits, including two home runs by Sam Purnell, as they bested Calera 11-9 in the first round on Monday. Purnell and David Lash had three hits apiece in four trips to lead at bat.

The 'Dogs had to fight off a six-run rally in the seventh as winning pitcher Paul Russell wearied momentarily to allow three hits, give up a walk and hit an Eagle batter.

Calera's Jeff Ray was tagged with the loss.

MHS	3	0	1	4	0	3	x	11
CHS	0	0	0	0	2	1	6	9

### Jones wins Fourth

In second round action, MHS eliminated SCHS behind junior Bret Jones. Jones gave up four hits, struck out four and walked six in picking up his fourth win of the season.

Designated hitter, senior Buddy Holsombeck, went 2 for 3 for MHS--one was a two-run homer in the third inning which put the game away.

The Bulldogs collected seven hits off Wildcat ace Dan Head.

MHS	0	4	2	0	1	0	0	7
SCHS	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	3

## Girl athletes hold volleyball workouts

Tryouts for the 1979-80 volleyball team are now underway with girls practicing an hour daily each Monday through Thursday.

UM players have helped the girls with bumping, setting and spiking.

Coach Dot Bishop says all girls will practice until the end of May before she selects the team.

To end regular baseball season--

## MHS slaps Shelby 13-3

by Ronnie Holsombeck

Coach Richard Gilliam's Bulldogs closed out their regular baseball season with a big night at Columbiana as they smashed SCHS 13-3 May 11.

Good Bulldog hitting was led by Paul Russell with 4-5 and Wade Bice, 3-4.

The 'Cats stayed close for three innings at 5-3, but the 'Dogs added one more run in the fourth and another in the sixth. Then in the top of the seventh, they really busted loose and scored six runs to put the game on ice.

Winning pitcher David Melsoni allowed six hits and struck out four, while losing pitchers Bobby Greenwalt and Levi Smith combined for nine strikeouts while allowing the Bulldogs 15 safeties.



# MHS coaches earn praise

by Kevin Hughes

ANOTHER GREAT YEAR for MHS's athletic program has passed. Enough cannot be said about the Bulldog coaches for the time and dedication they have given in guiding MHS athletes through another successful year.



Good coaches come from a special mold, and Montevallo is fortunate to have three from the front of the assembly line. Coaches Dot Bishop, Richard Gilliam and Kurt Pnazek have turned MHS teams into powerhouses--but more importantly, they've made winners on and off the field.

Congratulations and thanks seem hardly enough but it's about all an athlete can offer. There is never enough gratitude for someone who spends so much time helping others.

Congratulations and appreciation are due many others at MHS.

Principal W. C. Corbett and the faculty members who helped with this year's athletic program and co-operated in so many ways deserve a big round of applause also.

A program as good and consistent as MHS's does not run on the coaches and athletes alone.

And there are the senior athletes who added so many awards to the MHS hallways cases this year.

Another year will begin next fall--new heroes, new record breakers will take the spotlight as the graduating athletes fade away. These, too, are to be congratulated one last time for a great year, 1978-79.

## Softball calls

Several MHSers play softball with city teams, which include ten squads for the men and four for women.

## Clinics offered

Several basketball camps will be available this summer. Information can be found in the gym on the bulletin board.

Coach Kurt Pnazek feels "the camps are a good way for a player to learn what a coach wants of him."

Coaches also see what players are like and if they will give, he adds.

"It's also a good way for the coach and the player to relate."

## Jones pitches 2 hitter--

## Bulldogs defeat Calera 6-1

Montevallo got back on the winning trail for one game after losing four straight baseball games as they defeated Calera 6-1 May 7 at the UM field.

Bulldog pitcher Bret Jones had a no-hitter going into the seventh before Calera's Curtis Barefield slammed a double into left field.

MHS scored three in the third and three in the sixth. To produce the three in the third, Sam Purnell and Paul Russell doubled, Jones was walked intentionally and Buddy Holsombeck laid down a sacrifice bunt. Wade Bice and Russell singled and two Eagle errors netted the three in the sixth.

Andrew Dowdell singled to score Barefield for Calera. Jones, a junior, struck out ten, walked three and allowed two hits as MHS banged out nine base hits off Eagle hurler Barefield.

## Open on the road--

## Grid action set for fall

Five home games are on schedule for the Bulldogs in football next fall.

According to Coach Richard Gilliam the schedule goes like this:

Aug. 31	Shelby Co.	T
Sept. 7	Dallas Co.	H
14	Open	
21	Thompson	T
28	Chelsea	H
Oct. 5	Jemison	H
12	Vincent	T
19	Winterboro	T
26	Calera	H
Nov. 2	W. Blocton	T
9	TCTS	H
	(Homecoming)	

Although football is almost three months away, athletes will be working out with weights and doing various drills on their own during the summer vacation.

Football practice begins Monday, Aug. 6, with the first game at Shelby County High School, Thursday, Aug. 31.